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A REVIEW OF CURRENT RESEARCH AND OTHER RELATED PROJECTS OF THE DIVISION OF FARM
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DIVISION NOTES:

Dr. T.B. Manny, senior agricultural economist, has been designated acting in charge of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. He joined the staff of the division in October, 1927, following four years as head of the Department of Rural Life, Hendrix College, Arkansas.

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Dr. Charles P. Loomis has been appointed agricultural economist in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. He will undertake a new series of studies on rural living conditions. Dr. Loomis was born in Bloomfield, Colorado, and did his undergraduate work at New Mexico State College. He was assistant professor of rural sociology at North Carolina State College from 1929 to 1931 and during the last year had charge of the research work in this subject. The 2 years following he was assistant and tutor in the Department of Sociology at Harvard University where he received his doctor's degree in 1933. He has recently returned from a year's study in Germany at the Universities of Koenigsburg and Heidelberg as a Social Science Research Council fellow.

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Wayne C. Nason, formerly assistant agricultural economist in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, passed away suddenly on October 24, at his residence in Washington, D.C. He came to the Department on July 1, 1916, and was in the Bureau of Markets and Rural Organization prior to the establishment of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. During his 17 years of service in the Department, he wrote a number of Farmers' Bulletins, most of them dealing with rural community buildings, libraries, hospitals, and other socio-economic agencies for the advancement of rural

life. He also wrote several bulletins dealing with various aspects of rural social planning and rural industries as factors in farm living conditions. The popularity of these publications is indicated by the fact that well over a million copies have been put into circulation. Mr. Nason was born at Osceola Mills, Wisconsin, but early moved to Minnesota, receiving his college training at the University of Minnesota.

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Field work has been completed on a study of the organization, functioning, and cost of local government in Noble and Putnam Counties, Ohio. This study, which is being made jointly by the Department of Rural Economics of Ohio State University and the Divisions of Agricultural Finance and Farm Population and Rural Life of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, includes an attempt to determine farmer opinions concerning the problems of local government in these counties and farmer responses to certain proposed changes in the government of Ohio counties and townships.

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Schedules for the annual estimate of farm population shifts for the year ending December 31, 1934, are now pouring in. The addition of three questions to this year's schedule will make possible some direct comparisons with 1935 farm census data as a means of testing the typicality of the sample.

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Dr. Loomis has completed a manuscript entitled "The Modern Settlement Movement in Germany." One part deals with the creation of family-size farms from large land holdings and another section describes the development of small holdings adjacent to industrial centers for the use of wage earners in producing some of their needed foods. The report will be published by the bureau in the near future, in mimeographed form.

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Plans are being developed for a series of studies of rural living conditions which involve both the use of a schedule for individual families and an adaptation of the Le Play participant-observer technique in portions of the areas where schedules were also taken. At the present stage of their development, it is anticipated that the plans will provide for the first field work to be done in some of the rural problem areas where present land utilization and other opportunities for the creation of wealth or the obtaining of an income have provided only a meager existence in terms of commodities and services used by rural families. Later, corresponding field work may be undertaken in what are commonly regarded as the more prosperous agricultural areas.

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The report of a survey of local government in Crittenden and Livingston Counties, Kentucky, which is being published by the University of Kentucky is now in the hands of the printer and should be available soon. This research project was undertaken jointly by the Department of Markets and Rural Finance of the University of Kentucky, and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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The report of the survey of the Economic and Social Problems and Conditions of the Southern Appalachians, which will be issued as Miscellaneous Publication 205, has reached the page-proof stage. A folding colored map will be included. The farm population section of this bulletin was prepared by this division. The free distribution of this publication will be limited, but copies will be obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at 50 cents a copy.

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AMERICAN COUNTRY LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Taking as its topic "National Planning and Rural Life," the American Country Life Association held its Seventeenth National Country Life Conference in Washington, D.C., November 16 - 18, 1934. Two of the general sessions were held jointly with the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities. At one of these latter sessions, Dr. C. J. Galpin in his address entitled "The Significance of the Report of the Commission on Country Life Appointed by Theodore Roosevelt" suggested that the appointment of another country life commission by President Franklin D. Roosevelt "could speed up rural progress and bring blessings that would be remembered for a hundred years to come."

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the association, Dr. Carl C. Taylor was elected president and Dr. C. J. Galpin was elected honorary president, the latter recognition having been extended to but three other leaders in the country life movement.

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STUDENT SECTION AMERICAN COUNTRY LIFE ASSOCIATION.

The following paragraphs are excerpts from a report prepared by Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick, advisor to the student section:

Two hundred and fifty delegates from sixty collegiate and thirteen non-collegiate rural life clubs attended the annual conference of the Student Section, American Country Life Association at Washington, D. C., November

16 - 19. These clubs included Rural Life or Country Life, Collegiate 4-H, Agricultural Association, Home Economics, Alpha Zeta, Student Grange, Collegiate F.F.A. and others.

Among the speakers for the Student Section were Carl C. Taylor, E. deS. Brunner, and E. L. Kirkpatrick. Discussion sessions directed by student leaders made up a large part of the program. Among these were "Contributions of Subsistence Homesteads," led by Neil Bolton, West Virginia, and Ralph Taylor, Illinois, "Changes in the Tennessee Valley," led by Katheryn Browning and Leonard Blair, Virginia, "Outlook for Rural Rehabilitation," led by Stanley Hore, Wisconsin, and Catherine Washburn, West Virginia, "Federal Emergency Relief Administration," led by James Ansel, Michigan, "Civilian Conservation Corps," led by Olav Anderson, Wisconsin, "Agricultural Adjustment Administration," led by Harry Kitts, New York. These sessions, as well as discussion on "What is the Job of Collegiate Clubs with Respect to Young People," led by Doris Bentley, Charles Loeffler, and Ralph Taylor, Illinois, and Harry Kitts, New York, were summarized by James Ward, Jr. of the University of Virginia. Also, as in previous years, effort was made to participate to some extent with the adult group, especially in their evening meetings.

At the business session the Student Section elected the following officers for the year:

President: Olav Anderson, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vice President: Frank Jordan, Kansas State College, Manhattan
Donna Hadley, Ohio State College, Columbus
Eloise Grant, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Secretary: Florence Johnson, Western Illinois State Teachers College,
Macomb, Illinois
Editor: Frank Myers, Central State Teachers College, Mt. Pleasant,
Michigan

Several issues of importance to the progress of the Student Section were discussed at the business meeting, namely, choosing candidates, voting, affiliation, and the use of Rural America. The "Tentative Report on Organizational Aspects of the Student Section," which appeared in the October, 1934 issues of Rural America, was accepted. The discussion on Rural America as a "clearing house" for rural life clubs ended in the suggestion that each local club choose an editor who will be responsible for sending news items and other materials to the Student Section editor.

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RURAL SOCIOLOGY SECTION OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The annual meetings of the Rural Sociology Section of the American Sociological Society were attended by the largest number of persons in the history of the group. This was due in part to the holding of a conference for state supervisors of rural research under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

A dinner honoring Dr. C. J. Galpin for his 25 years of service to rural sociology was attended by more than a hundred co-workers, friends, and former students. Following several brief talks concerning the future of rural sociology as a subject for research, Dr. Galpin was called upon. After some interesting reminiscences of the trials and problems of the pioneers in this field, he spoke of the future with a note of optimism, expressing two wishes in this connection:

"First, that as rural sociology has had a place in the United States Department of Agriculture from which vantage ground assistance has been possible to research in the States, so sociology may have a place and a research staff in the United States Department of Commerce, and also one in the United States Department of Labor. These Departments hold the keys to research problems in the whole field of sociology.

"I make a second special wish in the interest of American society, - the great active body of society, not to be confused with the segment usually needing relief: I wish for the development of Doctors of Society under your auspices. Society is sick, very sick perhaps. It is no longer a case for books, discussions, ideologies, philosophies alone. It is time for action, manipulations, adjustments, diets, surgery. Society needs a Doctor who not only knows its anatomy and interactions, but one who can do something for society; one who can remove an obsolete social appendix; pull an aching tooth; set a broken leg. When you have bred up these Doctors of Society and their shingles are out, the call for sociological help will not go to tough-skinned go-getters and sledge-hammer realists. Then the scientific discipline of Sociology will have its counterpart in a working pratique to which Society may turn in emergencies. Give us some Doctors of Society along with your Doctors of Philosophy."

At the close of this meeting the Section presented Dr. Galpin with a continuing membership in the American Sociological Society, including subscriptions to the three chief sociological journals. A testimonial brochure is being prepared, which will contain brief statements from his many students and co-workers, and a photograph of each. This will be presented at a somewhat later date.

The sociological implications of various New Deal activities and plans for rural areas, and the research needed to measure the results of such activities occupied the center of the stage for most of the meetings of the Rural Sociology Section, and a corresponding vein of thought was at the center of many programs of the other social science groups which met concurrently. New officers elected by the Rural Sociology Section for 1935 are as follows: Chairman: B. L. Hummel, Vice-Chairman: Lowry Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer: R. A. Polson. Elected members of Executive Committee: T. Lynn Smith and Ray E. Wakeley.

CONFERENCE OF RURAL RESEARCH SUPERVISORS.

A conference of State Supervisors of Rural Research from states co-operating with the Division of Research, Statistics and Finance of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in research into the problems of rural relief and rural rehabilitation, was held December 26 - 29 at Hotel Morrison in Chicago with Dr. Dwight Sanderson, Coordinator of Rural Research, presiding. The conference was called for the purpose of reviewing the nation-wide survey of the rural relief situation just completed in order to plan for repetition of a similar survey in the spring of 1935; and to discuss progress of state-sponsored research in the field of rural relief problems, and its co-ordination. As a result of the conference some regional studies are planned by groups of states faced with the same general problems. Twenty-one states ranging from North Dakota to Texas and from California to Connecticut and North Carolina, were represented in the conference.

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SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS MEETINGS.

The next meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers will be held at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on January 30, 31 and February 1. The three general sessions this year will be devoted almost entirely to rural economic and social problems of the South. In addition there is a sectional group in agricultural economics and rural sociology which will hold three sessions. Professor C.E. Allred, University of Tennessee, is chairman of the Program Committee.

Meeting at the same time and place as the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers are the following organizations and groups: The Southern Vocational Agricultural Supervisors; The Southeastern Railway Agricultural Workers; The Rural Rehabilitation Supervisors of the Southern States; The Agricultural Extension Supervisors of the Southern States. Some of these will hold additional sessions before or after the dates mentioned above.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF RURAL LIFEFederal Publications:

Interstate migrations among the native white population as indicated by differences between state of birth and state of residence. A series of maps based on the Census 1870-1930. By C. J. Galpin and T. B. Manny. Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Bibliography on land settlement with particular reference to small holdings and subsistence homesteads. Comp. by Louis O. Bercaw, A. M. Hannay, and Esther M. Colvin, Library, Bureau of Agricultural Economics under the direction of Mary G. Lacy, Librarian. August 1934. 492p. Washington, D. C.

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RURAL PROBLEM AREAS SURVEY REPORTS

These are mimeographed summaries issued by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, 1734 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Order by title and number.)

The Appalachian-Ozark Area

Kentucky: Jackson County (23)
 Knox County (21)
 Pike County (22)
N.C.: Avery County (46)
Tenn.: Bledsoe County (32)
 Fentress County (20)
 Grainger County (3)
Va.: Russell County (45)
West Va.: Webster County (18)
 Wyoming County (15)

The Lake States Cut-Over Area

Michigan: Alcona County (12)
 Alger County (25)
 Iron County (19)
 Kalkaska County (24)
Minn.: Aitkin County (38)
 Beltrami County (37)
 Crow Wing County (36)
Wis.: Oconto County (16)
 Oneida County (44)
 Washburn County (1)

Cotton Growing Area of the Old South

Alabama: Dallas County (2)
 Limestone County (13)
Georgia: Meriwether County (29)
 Morgan County (28)
 Tift County (30)
Miss.: Leflore County (17)
 Monroe County (11)
N.C.: Anson County (43)
 Franklin County (52)
S.C.: Marlboro County (51)
 Sumter County (49)

The Short Grass - Winter Wheat Area

Colorado: Baca County (33)
 Yuma County (41)
Kansas: Hodgeman County (9)
 Meade County (35)
 Sherman County (26)
Nebraska: Cheyenne County, (14)
 Dawes County (34)
N.M.: Roosevelt County (42)
Okla.: Cimarron County (39)
Texas: Roberts County (40)

The Short Grass - Spring Wheat Area

Montana: Phillips County (50)
 Prairie County (54)
 N.D.: Burke County (53)
 Grant County (6)
 S.D.: Haakon County (5)
 Harding County (8)
 Tripp County (4)

The Western Cotton Growing Area

Arkansas: Calhoun County (48)
 La.: Richland Parish (47)
 Okla.: Choctaw County (7)
 Tillman County (10)
 Texas: Dawson County (27)
 Jones County (31)

Rural Rehabilitationn. Vol. 1, No. 1. Nov. 15, 1934.

Published by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, 1834 N.Y. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. (This is to be a periodical, the next issue of which will be dated Feb. 15, 1935.)

The Research Program of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. Mimeographed report. Washington, D.C., Dec. 26, 1934.

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State Publications:

Kentucky:

Nicholls, W.D. Citizen participation in community betterment. (A series of radio talks.) Ky. Agr. Ext. Serv. Mimeograph. Lexington. 1934.

Boyd, Fred, Oyler, Merton, and Nicholls, W.D. Rural organization contacts in three Kentucky communities. Ky. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 350, p. 111-140. Lexington. 1934.

New York:

Sanderson, Dwight. Present opportunities of the land-grant institutions in the field of rural welfare. New York Agr. Ext. Serv., Mimeograph Bulletin. 16 p. (Ithaca) 1934.

Sanderson, Dwight. Rural social and economic areas in central New York. Cornell University Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 614. Ithaca. 1934. (In cooperation with the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture.)

North Carolina:

Loomis, Charles P. The growth of the farm family in relation to its activities. N.C. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 298, 62 p. Raleigh. 1934.

Washington:

Johnson, N.W., and Willard, R. E. Trends in agriculture in Washington, 1900 to 1930. Part II. Wash. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 300. 45 p. Pullman. 1934. (One section traces the growth of the urban and rural population of the State in relation to its agricultural development.)

West Virginia:

Rapking, A.H. Education through organized community activities.
West Va. Agr. Col. Ext. Serv. Circ. 307. 43 p. Morgantown. 1934.

Wisconsin:

Kirkpatrick, E.L., and Boynton, Agnes M. Is there an American youth movement? Wis. Agr. Ext. Serv. Circ. 271. 48 p. Madison. 1934. (In cooperation with the Student Section, American Country Life Association.)

Kirkpatrick, E.L., Tough, Rosalind, and Cowles, May. The life cycle of the farm family. Wis. Agr. Expt. Sta. Research Bul. 121. 38 p. Madison. 1934. (In cooperation with the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture.)

Kirkpatrick, E.L. Rural rehabilitation and relief. Mimeographed report. Wisconsin Emergency Relief Administration. Madison. 1934.

Miscellaneous Publications:

Armstrong, P.C., and Robinson, F.E.M. City and country. 145 p. Toronto. The Macmillan company of Canada. 1934.

Gillette, John M. and Reinhardt, James M. Current social problems. 819 p. New York. American Book co. 1933.

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RESEARCH AND ACTIVITIES NOTES FROM COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE,
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS AND UNIVERSITIES.

ARIZONA (University of Arizona)

Groups of people, 250 to 650, have been coming out to attend various numbers of a social program developed by the Agricultural Extension Service in Arizona. This is reaching people in four counties, and the program consists of lectures on such subjects as "The Door of Opportunity in America and Abroad," "The Success of Christianity," and "Is the Church Responsible for Social Justice." This program is being supplemented by institutes dealing with the elements of drama, the technic of putting it on, and the presentation of plays before people. There are also being given training schools for local leaders in music and a speech institute. The work thus far has proved exceedingly popular and promises to hold entire series which will last until spring. From one to seven numbers will be presented in each of about thirteen communities.

A.B.BALLANTYNE.

KENTUCKY (University of Kentucky)

Dr. W.D.Nicholls, head of the Department of Farm Economics has been appointed State Supervisor of Rural Research for the F.E.R.A. studies this

year. Mr. Walton W. Rose has been appointed as his assistant for the ten months period, assigned from the Division of Research, Statistics and Finance of the National office of the F.E.R.A. Mr. Rose is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where he received his master's degree. He was connected with the rural rehabilitation staff of the Illinois State office at Chicago before coming to his new position. He is at present directing the survey of rural relief trends in four Kentucky counties as a unit of the national rural relief survey being conducted by the F.E.R.A.

For a state rural relief research project the writer is supervising a study of part-time farming in five selected areas in Kentucky. Another state rural relief project being conducted cooperatively by the Experiment Station and the State Emergency Relief Administration is a study of farmers who have migrated from mountain counties to farms in Kentucky outside the mountain counties. Both of these studies are parts of the Experiment Station project dealing with land use in Kentucky.

This department in cooperation with the Kentucky Rural Church Council is planning for the second annual rural pastor's day to be held Tuesday, January 22, during the Farm and Home week at the university. Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Regional Director, Land Policy Section, Division of Program Planning, A.A.A. will deliver one of the important addresses of the day and will take part in the discussions during the round table sessions. The general topic is "The place of the rural church in the present changing economic and social situation." One or more university radio programs will be devoted to this topic prior to the annual meeting. At three places in the state a regional conference on rural church problems has been held during the summer and autumn. The rural ministers who are taking a leading part in the work of the newly created Kentucky Rural Church Council report that the ministers of their respective denominations are anxious to work out together a solution to some of their pressing problems.

Four student organizations in the College of Agriculture each sent a delegate to the student section of the American Country Life Association Conference held at Washington, November 16 to 19. The organizations were Alpha Zeta, University 4-H Club, Home Economics Club, and Phi Upsilon Omicron Sorority. Enthusiastic discussions were led by the delegates at recent meetings of their organizations following this trip to Washington.

MERTON OYLER.

MASSACHUSETTS (Harvard University)

M. E. Frampton received his Ph.D at Harvard this fall having written his thesis on the Le Play case analysis of the Ozark Highlander. This is a study of family types in a submarginal agricultural area.

Edward C. Devereux of Harvard is a teaching assistant at Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station this year.

Walter B. McKain of Harvard is a research assistant in Rural Sociology under Professor Nathan L. Whetten at Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station.

Carle C. Zimmerman and M. E. Frampton have completed a book entitled Family and Society: The Sociology of Reconstruction, which will be published by D. Van Nostrand in January. This work applies the Le Play case study method to reconstruction problems in America. In the appendix to the work there is a translation of Volume I of the second edition of Le Play's Les ouvriers europeens. This work summarizes the Le Play sociology in a form which has hitherto been little known to American sociologists. The major proportion of Family and Society, however, is a systematic analysis of the family role in American reconstruction.

C.C.ZIMMERMAN.

MICHIGAN (Michigan State College)

During the summer term, two conferences were held, one of two weeks duration for town-country ministers with an attendance of 25, and one for social workers of one week with an attendance of 619.

On November 23, a state conference was held on the problems of youth, sponsored by the State Volunteers for Youth Service and the Michigan State College. There was an attendance of about 100.

C. R. Hoffer is Chairman of the Ingham County Emergency Relief Commission and Secretary of the State Association of Social Workers.

Eben Mumford is acting as State Supervisor and Miss Nellie Holmes as Assistant State Supervisor of Rural Research in cooperation with the Federal and State Emergency Relief Administration. A study of relief and rehabilitation in four counties has been completed recently.

The Department of Sociology in a project on community organization has about finished mapping of the 5811 rural school districts and the 537 high school communities of the state.

The Michigan Country Life Association will hold its annual conference January 31 during Farmers' Week. The general topic will be The Rural Community and its Schools.

EBEN MUMFORD.

MINNESOTA (University of Minnesota)

R.W.Murchie, Director of Rural Rehabilitation for the Minnesota S.E.R.A. returns to the staff of the University of Minnesota for the winter quarter.

Chester Wasson, former graduate of sociology, is in charge of the rural survey in Minnesota for the F.E.R.A.

R.W.MURCHIE.

MISSOURI (University of Missouri)

Of the 143 graduate students who pursued training in rural social work during the second semester of last year, 120 did practice work in Missouri and Iowa counties during the summer. Of these 116 have been placed in counties in Kansas, Iowa, Illinois or Missouri. This project which was financed by federal scholarship grants to the students appears to have been worked out in a rather satisfactory manner. From the first the project was considered an experiment. Close attention is being given to the manner in which the students on the job are able to carry the present relief load in counties. A unique and comprehensive plan of continuation training on the job is being carried out.

During the present semester there are forty-two graduate students in training for rural social work on federal scholarships. They are pursuing a study program as follows:

Rural Sociology	Seminar on Case Treatment
Community Organization	Feeding the Family
Family Case Work	Medical Aspects of Public Welfare Work

Practice work will be arranged in Missouri counties immediately following the close of the first semester which will be the latter part of January.

Miss Ruth George formerly of the St. Louis Provident Association is conducting a Seminar on Family Case Treatment and serving as advisor to the students in training for rural public welfare work.

Dr. E.L.Morgan is giving part-time to the Missouri Relief and Reconstruction Commission as technical advisor. He is also Chairman of the State Social Planning Board. This Board is developing a rather comprehensive plan for the state involving chiefly penal and eleemosynary affairs which will be presented to the forthcoming legislature.

Dr. L. G. Brown's new book, "Social Psychology - The Natural History of Human Nature" published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company is just off the press.

Mr. Arthur Nebel is serving as a graduate assistant. He is a University of Missouri graduate having had three years experience with the St. Louis Children's Aid Society, handling particularly cases involving visits to farm families. He is assisting with the course in Medical Aspects of Public Welfare Work.

Mr. Melvin Sneed has a research fellowship and is directing a group of professional non-manual (white collar) people in the tabulation of data col-

lected last year in the state-wide study of rural social agencies, institutions, services and leadership.

Mr. Gregory Hutchison was appointed instructor to assist with instruction of Federal Scholarship Students.

On October 6, 7, 8 and 9 the University held its first Public Welfare Week which was a reunion occasion for alumni and former students now engaged in social work, and which served to bring together the people of the state interested in planning the state's welfare program for the coming winter as this pertains to emergency relief and reconstruction. Outstanding among the special considerations were that of the reorganization of the State Conference for Social Welfare and the setting up of the details of a plan for the registration of social workers, it being our belief that eventually those who practice social work will be registered in the same manner as doctors, lawyers, and teachers. The attendance was above one thousand with 200 of these alumni and former students now engaged in social work.

E.L.MORGAN.

NEW YORK (Teachers College, Columbia University)

The enrollment in Rural Sociology at Teachers College, Columbia University this semester is practically double that of the first semester last year. Special discussion groups have been formed for foreign students and representatives of the agricultural extension service.

A year ago, Teachers College issued for adult groups and senior and junior high schools an analysis of The New Deal legislation. On all levels, the pamphlet on the Farm Act was the best seller and the adult and senior high school pamphlets which went through two and three printings respectively are now out of print. The series was prepared under the direction of Professor Edmund deS. Brunner who was also author or co-author of the three Agricultural Adjustment Act pamphlets.

Professor Lyman Bryson is an adviser in the 1935 Institute of Rural Economics of the New Jersey College of Agriculture at Rutgers University.

Among other research projects under way is a study of the state program of Adult Education in Rural Delaware by Arthur Linden, a fellow in Adult Education this year and an assistant at Teachers College.

FRANK W. CYR.

NEW YORK (Cornell University)

Dr. Dwight Sanderson, who served as coordinator of rural research for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in Washington, D.C., for the past several months, has returned to Cornell.

NORTH CAROLINA (North Carolina State College)

Mr. J. M. MacLachlan has been appointed as Assistant Professor in this department and will do both teaching and research. He has an A.B. from Millsaps College, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina, and has completed his residence work and thesis for a Ph. D. in Sociology at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Olaf Wakefield, a graduate student of this department, has been appointed as Assistant State Supervisor of Rural Research by the Federal and State Emergency Relief Administration.

Mr. Robin M. Williams has returned from Washington where he was employed as Junior Social Economist in the United States Department of Labor, to continue his graduate work in this department. Before going to Washington, Mr. Williams assisted in the supervision of rural relief studies here.

This department is cooperating with the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Federal and State Emergency Relief Administrations in rural social research. A study of the human and social factors in soil erosion is being made in cooperation with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In addition to the soil erosion study mentioned above, this department has under way the following research projects:

1. Farm Family Functions and Relationships.
2. Recent Changes in the Social and Economic Status of North Carolina Rural Families.

C. HORACE HAMILTON.

RHODE ISLAND (Rhode Island State College)

The development of our new department of Sociology at Rhode Island State is going ahead satisfactorily. In the teaching program, courses both in general and in rural sociology will be offered, and beginning next semester the two following will be given in the School of Agriculture, "The Social Background of American Agriculture" and "Community Organization."

Two projects in research are now under way. The field work for a survey of the "Recreational Use of Land in Washington County" has been completed and the manuscript is in process of preparation. A second one, a joint project with the Agricultural Economics and Home Economics Departments, is being set-up, the purpose being to study "Part-time Farming in Rhode Island."

W. R. GORDON.

OHIO (Ohio State University)

Dr. C. E. Lively, who has been in Washington, D.C., as research analyst in charge of the survey of open and closed relief cases in the Research Section of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, has resumed his work in the Department of Rural Economics at Ohio State University.

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TENNESSEE (University of Tennessee)

Charles A. Tosch, Jr., who majored in rural sociology at Texas A. and M. College last year, is doing graduate work this year in rural sociology at the University of Tennessee.

Jasper P. Burnett, graduate student in rural sociology at the University of Tennessee, is writing a Master's thesis on the effect of industrial development on rural life in four representative counties of the State, based on field survey data.

Professor C. E. Allred, University of Tennessee, is studying the relationship between type of farming and farm tenancy in that state.

The forthcoming book on Tennessee by C. E. Allred and S. W. Atkins will have four divisions: Part I, Physical and Biological factors; Part II, Economic factors; Part III, Sociological conditions; Part IV, Civic or Governmental problems.

C.E.ALLRED.

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WISCONSIN (University of Wisconsin)

Forthcoming Publication. "How Farm Families Meet the Emergency" has been submitted and approved for publication as a Research Bulletin. This embodies the results of a restudy of standards of living among 300 farm families, after a lapse of four years.

Colleges Represented at American Country Life Association. Collegiate Rural Life Clubs in Wisconsin represented at the Student Section, A. C. L. A. Conference held in Washington November 16 - 19 included Blue Shield and 3 c, Plattville; 4-H Leadership, La Crosse; Rural Life, Eau Claire; Rural life, Stevens Point; Alpha Chi, Oshkosh; and Rural Life, Milwaukee; State Teachers Colleges; and Blue Shield and University 4-H, University of Wisconsin. The nine clubs were represented by 16 delegates.

Rural Relief and Rehabilitation Cooperative Studies. The first cooperative study undertaken by the Department of Rural Sociology, the Rural Division, W. E. R. A. and the Division of Research and Statistics, F. E. R. A. dealt with "Population Groups, Industries and Organizations with Reference to Relief and Rehabilitation in Different Areas of Wisconsin." Three localities, Badger Mining location, Iowa County; Plymouth, Sheboygan County; and Randolph, Columbia County, were studied under the direction of Carl F. Kraenzel, assisted by Marjory Thomas.

State Collegiate Rural Life Conferences. Plans for a state student country life conference are under way. The tentative date is May 11, 1935, and the topic under consideration is "What Kind of a Rural Life do Young People Want?" Preparations for the meeting include a survey of rural youth in three counties, under the direction of county normal principal, school superintendent, and agricultural agent.

Rural Research Coordinator. J. H. Kolb, head of the Department of Rural Sociology, will become coordinator of rural research for the Division of Research, Statistics and Finance, F. E. R. A. in Washington, D. C. March 1st, to continue throughout the summer. He has obtained temporary leave from the College of Agriculture during this period.

County Rural Young People's Surveys and Conferences. A Douglas County Rural Young People's Committee of twelve members with the counsel of a Douglas County Organization Steering Committee is making a survey of the problems confronting rural young people sixteen to twenty-eight years of age in their county. The attempt is being made to find out who they are, what they are doing, what they would like to do, and what they are thinking about. Schedules have been obtained from over half of the rural young people in the county of these ages, and the findings are now in process of tabulation and analysis. The work is being done almost entirely by volunteer workers, mostly young people themselves, under the direction of A.F.Wileden from the Rural Sociology Department. The findings are to be presented at a county young people's conference to be held in March, and if felt desirable, some sort of program for the young people of the county will be formulated at that time.

Two additional counties, Waushara and Wood, are also now in process of getting similar surveys under way.

The findings from these surveys will probably be used by (1) the extension service at the College of Agriculture as a basis for re-appraisal of their programs, (2) at the 1935 Farm and Home Conference, (3) at the coming spring student country life conference, and (4) at the State Rural Organization Leaders' Summer Camp and Conference which will probably be held in August.

Rural Groups Study and Discuss Pressing Problems. Wisconsin's rural public discussion program this year is being built around four topics (1) financing rural education, (2) dairy farming and the AAA, (3) Local Government, and (4) Social Insurance. Discussion demonstration meetings on "Dairy Farming and the AAA" and "Financing Rural Education" are to be presented February 7th at the State College of Agriculture as a part of the Farm and Home Week program, the demonstration on the former topic being one of the main features of the week. Local farm men and women study these problems, then first discuss them in their local Granges, Community Clubs, Farmers' Unions, or Farm Bureaus; they next discuss them at meetings of other organizations and at county conferences; and then certain of these problems before state Farm and Home Week audiences. They are happy to be invited to "teach the teachers." Nine Wisconsin counties have such discussion programs under way at the present time. This work is carried on by the Rural Sociology Extension Specialist with the cooperation and assistance of a speech specialist, and of the subject matter specialists in the various departments concerned.

State Drama Festival Plan Interests Rural Groups. Improved morale in rural communities of Wisconsin is being reflected somewhat in the increased interest in the state rural drama program. Groups in sixteen counties of the state are preparing one-act plays to be brought into county tournaments or festivals subject to selection for the State Festival. Due to the larger number of groups qualifying for the State Festival this year, it will be necessary to supply three judges from the College of Agriculture to visit the county finals. These judges will offer suggestions and criticisms to the participating groups, and judge the county finals if they are tournaments. After the three judges return to the state office they will name six plays to be invited to the State Festival on Friday, February 8, of Farm and Home Week.

In addition to these sixteen counties holding final drama events before Farm and Home Week, there are five other counties which have planned county drama events to be run off a little later in the winter.


Fall planning meetings and leadership training schools have been well attended by local organization leaders who expressed the interest and enthusiasm of their groups over this state-wide program of dramatic activity. Results of the standards set by the preceding seven rural drama tournaments or festivals are evident in the improved quality of the plays which are being selected and produced by rural groups throughout Wisconsin.

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FARM POPULATION AND RURAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

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A REVIEW OF CURRENT RESEARCH AND OTHER RELATED PROJECTS OF THE DIVISION OF FARM
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INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE.

The following is a translation of an announcement received from the International Commission for the Improvement of Rural Life, Rue des Joyeuses Entrees, 40, Louvain, (Belgium):

"Fifth International Congress for the Improvement of Rural Life under the Patronage of the Belgian and Luxemburg Governments, Luxemburg, July 20, 21, 22, and 23 and Brussels, July 24 and 25, 1935.

This Congress, plans for which were made at the meeting of the International Commission for the Improvement of Rural Life at Liege in 1930, was to have held its sessions in Switzerland in 1934 in connection with the Exposition of Popular Arts. This Exposition was not held. As a result, the "Landwuel" (Return to the Land) of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg has taken charge of organizing the Congress with the cooperation of the Belgian National Commission.

The fifth Congress for the Improvement of Rural Life will form a part of a series of international agricultural meetings to be held over a period of two weeks. The folk festivals which will be held at Diekirch on the occasion of the Fifth Cantonal Agricultural Meeting in the Grand Duchy and the Brussels World's and International Exposition of 1935, will constitute one of its principal attractions. Official receptions and excursions will be organized in both Belgium and Luxemburg.

The topics to be discussed on the Country Life program are of primary importance in the study of appropriate measures for the economic and social rehabilitation of agricultural populations.

PROGRAM OF THE CONGRESS

1. Increase in small landholdings after the war through:
 - a. Private initiative
 - b. State intervention: Agrarian reform - internal colonization; their economic and social results.
2. Remedies against rural exodus and unemployment.
3. Importance of popular art and domestic peasant industry in the improvement of rural life.

The Congress will include two sections: (a) Rural sociology; (b) Popular art and peasant industry."

Any person, association, educational institution, or interested group may become a member of the Congress by the payment of a small fee. For further information, write to Dr. Asher Hobson, Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C. Dr. Hobson is Chairman of the American committee promoting attendance at this Conference.

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LE PLAY HOUSE FIELD STUDIES:

The Le Play House announces the following field studies during the spring and summer of 1935:

Village Study at Castle Eaton, Wilts, England. June 7 to June 11.
Holy Island (Lindisfarne) England. July 20 to July 29.
The Outer Hebrides. August 1 to August 20.
Slovakia. August 5 to August 25.

For a descriptive folder and other information, address The Honorable Organiser of Field Studies, Institute of Sociology, Le Play House, 35 Gordon Square, London, W. C. I. England.

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DIVISION NOTES:

Dr. C. J. Galpin delivered an address entitled "The Place of Rural Life and its Problems Today and Tomorrow", March 15 at the Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Rural Progress Day, and was speaker at the annual banquet of the Collegiate Rural Life Club on the subject "My Experiences in Rural Education" at which time he was made an honorary member

of the Club. Dr. Galpin also delivered an address at the Fourth Annual Huntington Welfare Conference for the Tri-State Region held at Huntington, West Virginia, March 29, 1935, on "Rural Planning," the general conference theme being "Meeting the Emergency and Building for the Future." The general chairman of the conference was Dr. A. W. Hayes, Head of the Department of Sociology, Marshall College.

Dr. T. B. Manny recently addressed several departments of the South Carolina Educational Association at their annual meeting, discussing the problems of cut-of-school youth and the opportunities of the public schools to work with this important group.

Dr. O. E. Baker of the Division of Land Economics, and Dr. Manny developed materials for one of the topics in the series of public discussion forums sponsored by the Secretary of Agriculture, dealing with the question "Is it in the Interest of the Nation to have More - or Fewer - People Living on the Land?". Dr. C. P. Loomis of the Division has prepared an article "Some Attempts to Change Rural Life" for another topic in the same series entitled "What Kind of a Rural Life can we Expect in the Future?"

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RURAL RESEARCH STAFF, F. E. R. A.

Four new research projects are being undertaken by the Rural Unit of the Division of Research, Statistics, and Finance of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. These are as follows:

1. Part-Time Farming Rural-Industrial Community Survey.

The purpose of this study is to provide fundamental data for guiding administrative policies in Rural Rehabilitation. Associated in the project will be Professor Leonard Cottrell, sociologist from the University of Chicago, Dr. R. H. Allen of the Division of Program Planning of the A.A.A., and Mr. Willard W. Troxell of Baltimore, industrial engineer. Professor I. G. Davis, rural economist at Connecticut State College, is serving as special consultant. Colonel J. M. S. Waring and his staff, Section on Industrial Regional Studies in the F. E. R. A., are cooperating in the compilation of basic material. As the survey progresses, several other interested Washington agencies are expected to cooperate. After a preliminary survey of available secondary data, field studies will be made in various parts of the country for the purpose of sampling the leading types of rural-industrial combinations. These studies will be made from three angles: Industrial Organization, Farm Management and Family Pattern, Community Organization.

2. Survey of Conditions in the Drought Area.

An extensive survey of conditions in the drought area is being made by the Rural Unit of the Division of Research, Statistics and Finance of the F.E.R.A. at the request of the Rural Rehabilitation Division. Mr. R. S. Kifer, of the Farm Management and Costs Division of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has been lent to the F.E.R.A. to direct the study. Assisted by Mr. H. M. Pevehouse he is making a rapid survey of eleven drought states, contacting state relief administrators, state directors of rural rehabilitation, and the special drought research committees which have been set up in the various states. On the basis of information collected in the field and that already available in Washington, a preliminary report will be issued within a few weeks. A more detailed and long-time study will then be initiated.

3. Survey of the Share-Cropper Situation.

Professor T. J. Wooster, Jr. of the University of North Carolina is making a survey of the share-cropper situation in the South for the Rural Unit of the Division of Research, Statistics and Finance of the F.E.R.A. A large amount of basic data is already available and it will be supplemented by a field survey of recent changes in landlord-tenant relations.

4. Survey of Current Change in the Rural Relief Population.

The Survey of Current Change is intended to obtain current information about the rural population receiving relief in thirty-three States and the changes that are taking place in this population. It is an attempt to obtain, at frequent intervals, (1) the number of rural relief and rehabilitation cases and the proportion of these residing in open country, villages or towns; (2) the extent to which rural relief cases meet certain prerequisites for transfer to the rural rehabilitation program; (3) the amount of relief and rehabilitation advances received by cases living in the open country, towns or villages; (4) the occupational experience of gainful workers in households receiving relief; (5) the proximate reasons for opening and closing rural relief and rehabilitation cases. Relief records will be taken as of February and for every second month thereafter.

T.C. McCORMICK.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF RURAL LIFE

Federal Publications:

United States Department of Agriculture.

Economic and Social Problems and Conditions of the Southern Appalachians, by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Bureau of Home Economics and Forest Service, in cooperation with the Office of Education, U. S. Dept. of Interior and the Agricultural Experiment Stations of Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. 184 p. (U.S. Department of

Agriculture. Misc. Pub. no. 205) Obtainable only from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. (50 cents).

The Modern Settlement Movement in Germany, by C. P. Loomis, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Population Trends and the National Welfare, by O. E. Baker and T. B. Manny. Published by the Office of the Assistant Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture.

Federal Emergency Relief Administration, 1734 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Rural Problem Areas Surveys: In addition to those previously listed, the following have been issued: (Order by title and number)

The Appalachian-Ozark Area

Arkansas: Madison County (57)
Searcy County (55)
N.C.: Jackson County (56)

The Short Grass - Winter Wheat Area

Colorado: Cheyenne County (58)
N.M.: Union County (59)
Texas: Dallam County (60)
Randall County (61)

The Western Cotton Growing Area

Louisiana: Union Parish (65)
Texas: San Patricio County (63)
Williamson County (63)
Wood County (64)

Rural Population Mobility and Relief, An Analysis of Six Problem Areas.

The Usual Occupation of the Head of Rural and Town Cases Receiving Relief in October, 1934.

The Distribution of the Rural and Town Relief Population in October, 1934, by Residence.

The Trend of Rural Relief, October, 1933 - October 1934, with an Estimate for February, 1935.

The Probable Relief Trend for Farm Operators, October, 1934, to February, 1935.

Expected Changes in the Rural and Town Relief Situation between October 1934 and February 1935.

A Memorandum on Factors Involved in the Drought Relief Situation.

The Unemployment of Male Heads of Rural Relief and Non-Relief Households in 47 Counties in October, 1933.

The Ownership of Livestock by Relief and Non-Relief Families, October, 1933.

News Letter for State Supervisors of Rural Research. (Monthly) Leland B. Tate, Editor.

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State Publications:

Arkansas:

McCormick, T.C. Rural social organization in south central Arkansas. Ark. Agr. Expt. Sta., Bul. 313, 39 p. Fayetteville. 1934.

Brannen, C. O. Tax delinquent rural lands in Arkansas. Ark. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 311, 63 p. Fayetteville. 1934.

Colorado:

Pepper, Henry C. County government in Colorado. Colo. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 413, 183 p. Fort Collins. 1934.

Illinois:

Freeman, Ruth Crawford. Living expenditures of a group of Illinois farm families 1930, 1931, 1932. Ill. Agric. Expt. Sta. Bul. 406, p. 367-406. Urbana. 1934.

Indiana:

Robertson, Lynn. The economic significance of the non-farming rural population in northwestern Indiana. Purdue Univ. Agric. Expt. Sta. Bul. 388, 27 p. Lafayette. 1934.

Iowa:

Whelpton, P.K. Iowa's population prospect. Iowa Agr. Expt. Sta. Res. Bul. 177, p. 117-168. Ames. 1934.

Robotka, Frank. Membership problems and relationships in Iowa farmers' elevators. Iowa Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 321, p.109-195. Ames. 1934.

Kentucky:

Nicholls, W.D. and Rouse, W.L. Farm organization and family incomes in Knott County, Kentucky. Ky. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 351, p. 142-184. Lexington. 1934.

New York:

Thurrow, Mildred B. Interests, activities, and problems of rural young folk. I. Women 15 to 29 years of age. Cornell Univ. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 617, 57 p. Ithaca. 1934.

Thurrow, Mildred B. A study of selected factors in family life as described in autobiographies. Cornell Univ. Agr. Expt. Sta. Memoir 171. Ithaca. 1935.

Utah:

Nelson, Lowry. Summary of the significance to the rural relief problem of economic fluctuations in the Tintic Metal Mining Region of Utah. F.E.R.A. Division of Rural Research Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Feb. 1935.

Hull, Irvin. Survey of standard populations in Utah. Division of Research and Statistics. Utah Emergency Relief Administration.

Other Publications:

Ashby, A.W. The sociological background of adult education in rural districts. 27 p. London, England. British Institute of Adult Education, 39 Bedford Square, W.C.I. 1935. (6 pence)

Penrose, E.F. Population theories and their application, with special reference to Japan. The Food Research Institute, Stanford Univ. (California) 1934.

Zimmerman, Carle C., and Frampton, Merle E. Family and Society. 611 p. New York D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc. 1935. (\$3.50)

RESEARCH AND ACTIVITIES NOTES FROM COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE,
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ARIZONA: (University of Arizona)

The phase of Rural Sociology work reaching most people in Arizona has consisted of a program dealing with young people and adult education. This was arranged in cooperation with several organizations throughout the state and consisted primarily of a series of institutes for the training of leaders in drama, music and speech, and a series of lectures supplementing these events. In this series, four institutes were held in two counties, with a total attendance of 497. Nearly all of those in attendance were organization leaders who would take the material presented back to their groups.

The lecture series, carried out with the same organizations and also in cooperation with Rotary Clubs, schools and farmers' organizations, consisted of lecture programs in 19 communities, in 7 counties, at which a total of 37 lecture numbers were presented. Under the direction of the College of Music 18 musical programs were presented in connection with some of the lectures. The total attendance at these series of meetings was, as nearly as could be counted and estimated, 7,759.

A.B.BALLANTYNE.

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ILLINOIS: (University of Illinois)

Extension work in rural sociology in the State of Illinois expanded during the year 1934 to include county conferences of community leaders for officers training and program planning, music and drama tournaments organization, recreation institute organization, organization of county programs in the interest of young adults, rural relief and rehabilitation, supervision of one district in the educational program of the AAA, county conferences to train leaders in a discussion of the future of the AAA, and organization of county choruses.

The extension worker in rural sociology was called to help 54 counties in community organization analysis, leader training and program planning, for which 74 conferences were held with an attendance of 1,350 leaders. Analyses were made of 155 communities relative to the organizational situation and 433 groups were helped with officers' training and program planning.

Music and drama tournaments were held in 46 counties out of 51 making entry. There were 215 plays, 25 men's quartets, 22 mixed quartets, 22 ladies' quartets and 15 orchestras participating. Forty-four of the 46

counties held tryouts rather than contests, and sent 61 plays, 15 men's, 11 mixed and 13 ladies' quartets and seven orchestras to state district tryouts, from which were selected four plays and three each of the other four features to come to the final contest held during Farm and Home Week in January.

Conferences relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Act were held in nine counties through 76 groups represented, two of which were county-wide groups, with a total attendance of 262. These conferences were of two kinds, one for members of teams of community groups to give materials and training for discussion of the future of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and the other type was to aid in setting up community meetings to discuss various phases of the present Agricultural Adjustment Act. Supervision of the educational campaign of the corn-hog plan of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration was given to 15 counties, comprising the east southeast crop reporting district and training meetings of three types were held, to discuss the contract and background information relative to the corn-hog plan, organization for sign-up meetings and a discussion of quotas with the board. Two thousand thirty contacts were made, many of these being with the same group two or three times.

Attention to young people's activities, especially to the group in their late 'teens, twenties and early thirties, who are now out of school and living in the home community or on the home farm, required 17 conferences in 1934. Eleven county conferences have been held to date in 1935 and requests for eight others has been scheduled. A total of 984 young people attended these 28 county conferences.

Ten district recreation institutes were held in 1934, attended by 745 representatives from 89 of the 102 counties in the state. These were two-day institutes, using the services of Dr. Willis A Parker, one-time recreation specialist with the National Recreation Association.

One of the new projects on which the extension specialist in rural sociology has been called on to work is the development of county choruses and the organization of a state chorus recital in connection with the State Fair at Springfield. Five counties were represented in the county choruses sending 602 people to the State Fair for the combined chorus recital last August.

The time of the extension man in rural sociology will doubtless be taken with eight distinct phases of activity during the year 1935 as follows: (1) Conferences with community leaders which will include the analysis of local situations; leader training and program planning, and aid in working out relationships with other organizations and agencies. (2) Music and drama activity, including aid in chorus work and in music and

drama tournaments. (3) Rural recreation, chief emphasis being given to district recreation institutes. (4) Young adults' activities. (5) Rural rehabilitation. (6) The technique of conducting public discussions. (7) Rural pastors' conferences. (8) Staff and extension workers' conferences.

An increasing amount of time will be needed with young adults' groups as more and more of the counties demand assistance on developing a program for the young adult groups in their counties. A state Extension Committee with Professor J. C. Spitler, State Leader of Farm Advisers, Miss Edna R. Gray, Mr. G. S. Randall, Miss Cleo Fitzsimmons and Dr. D.E. Lindstrom, as members, are devoting attention to the development of specific plans.

Research in rural sociology at the University of Illinois is being concentrated on five projects as follows:

1. Analysis of the intensive study on the effectiveness of 4-H club work is going forth rapidly and it is hoped that a published report will be available by the end of the present fiscal year.

2. Data are being collected with the help of F.E.R.A. workers on "Social Aspects and Utilization," much of this material having been used already by the Illinois State Planning Commission, the Land Program Section of the AAA working in the Illinois or central United States area and to the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission.

3. A study of rural resources in three Illinois counties, Champaign, Alexander and Pope, is underway, the study being made in cooperation with the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission and the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. Mr. Paul H. Ritterskamp is associate supervisor and Mr. Robert B. Synder assistant supervisor on this project. This survey is being carried on on an experimental basis, but already has definitely exhibited its worthwhileness in discovering work relief and rural rehabilitation possibilities.

4. A social survey of the farm family situation in two minor civil divisions in Union County and one in Pope County has been worked out on an experimental basis, also with the cooperation of the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission and the Federal Emergency Relief Administration with Mr. L. E. Adams as assistant supervisor and in cooperation with Professor H. C. M. Case, Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, who has assigned Mr. Lyle Shoot of his department as field worker.

5. Dr. D.E. Lindstrom has been acting as state supervisor for the Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Emergency Relief Administration, on research studies basic to rural rehabilitation, cooperating in the Federal rural research study DRS-77 and study to be made in March and April, DRS-109.

D. E. LINDSTROM.

IOWA: (Iowa State College)

Dr. George Von Tungeln, Professor and head of the department, has recently completed a report on the Housing Situation in Dubuque for the State Planning Board. Dr. Von Tungeln directed the field survey and prepared the report which contains much pertinent information on living conditions in the city of Dubuque.

Dr. Ray E. Wakeley as state supervisor of Cooperative Rural Research, F.E.R.A. and I.E.R.A., and Edwin Losey, assistant supervisor, have been engaged in directing various surveys in the state. Recently they issued a preliminary report on the movements of farm laborers and farm operators. The report clearly shows an excess of from 12,000 to 15,000 farm laborers and a surplus of 3,000 or more farm operators in Iowa.

Other studies and surveys made in connection with the cooperative rural research program include the relief trends survey made in eight counties in the fall and a survey of current relief changes now in progress in the same eight counties. Mr. Losey is also supervising a rural population mobility survey in two sample areas within the state.

Dr. Charles N. Burrows, Professor of Sociology and Dean of Men at Simpson College, has been added to the cooperative rural research staff as a temporary assistant supervisor on the current change survey.

Everett N. Duncan and Charles C. Mantle, former students of the department, are on the staff of the State Planning Board as rural sociology specialists. Mr. Mantle is supervising part-time farming surveys and Mr. Duncan is supervisor of the community social inventory survey, now completed in nine counties.

W.H. Stacy, extension sociologist, has resumed his duties after a leave of absence at Columbia University where he completed the work for his doctorate.

GEO. H. VON TUNGELN.

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MASSACHUSETTS: (Harvard University)

G. F. Theriault of Harvard has accepted a position as research assistant in the Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin.

M. E. Frampton of Harvard has accepted a position as Director of the New York Institute of the Blind at 999 Pelham Parkway, New York City.

Prof. C. C. Zimmerman of Harvard and Dr. M. E. Frampton plan to continue their Le Play type case studies of standards of living and the family during the coming summer.

C.C.ZIMMERMAN.

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NEW YORK: (Teachers College, Columbia University)

The Bureau of Publications of Teachers College, Columbia University will issue in May a study by Mr. William H. Stacy, Extension Sociologist, Iowa State College of Agriculture entitled, "The Integration of Adult Education." The study covers the problem of integrating adult education - rural and urban - in a larger rural state, such as Iowa.

Houghton Mifflin announces for early publication a volume entitled "Rural Society" by Professors J. H. Kolb and Edmund deS. Brunner.

EDMUND deS. BRUNNER.

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NEW YORK: (Cornell University)

Howard W. Beers, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in February, with a dissertation entitled: "Some Aspects of Family Life on Farms in Central New York." He is now assistant professor of rural sociology at Washington State College, Pullman, Washington.

DWIGHT SANDERSON.

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NORTH CAROLINA: (N.C. State College of Agriculture)

We have just initiated in cooperation with the N. C. Emergency Relief Administration and the FERA a study of the relations of the Agricultural Adjustment Program to rural relief needs. The objectives of this study are:

- (a) To determine the extent to which the curtailment of cotton and tobacco acreages has effected the employment of farm laborers, cropper, and tenants, and members of their families.
- (b) To determine the extent to which the various tenure groups have participated directly in increased incomes during 1934 from cotton and tobacco crops and from AAA rental and benefit payments.
- (c) To determine the amount and rates of wages received by farm laborers during 1934.
- (d) To determine the effect of the adjustment program on the movement of laborers and tenants from one tenure group to another and from one place to another during 1934.
- (e) To determine the extent to which farm laborer, cropper, and tenant families have been enabled and encouraged to grow their own food and feed crops.

- (f) To determine the percentage and type of farm young people who have been unable to begin farming as croppers and tenants under the crop adjustment program.
- (g) To determine amounts and percentages of gross cash incomes of the various tenure groups spent on such significant items as land, automobiles, home building and improvement, furniture, clothing, farm stock and machinery, doctor and hospital bills, savings and insurance, and back debts.

The field work of this study is expected to be completed by June 1 and the tabulation is being carried on concurrently with the field work. Preliminary results will be available immediately upon the completion of the study, and final results will be available soon thereafter.

C. H. HAMILTON.

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OHIO: (Ohio State University)

The major research project now under way is rural population mobility. The Ohio areas surveyed during 1927-28 are being resurveyed. In addition, some special study of the problem of sampling population mobility is being undertaken. The mobility data used are those gathered in the three states of Ohio, Iowa, and South Dakota.

Mr. Wm. Tudor, a graduate student in rural sociology, is serving as Assistant State Supervisor of rural social research under the cooperative agreement with the F.E.R.A.

The development of the program of local discussion of current issues, stimulated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture is progressing at an encouraging rate. Mr. J. P. Schmidt, State Director of Farmers' Institutes and graduate student in rural sociology, is directing the work.

C.E. LIVELY.

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SOUTH DAKOTA: (S.D. State College of Agric. and Mechanic Arts)

On December 1, 1934, Dr. Paul H. Landis resigned his position to enter employment with the National Resources Board. Dr. Landis was assigned to South Dakota as Associate Consultant to the South Dakota Planning Board. Dr. John P. Johansen, head of the Department of Sociology and Economics of Sioux Falls College, has been elected to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Landis. Dr. Johansen has his Masters' Degree from the University of

Nebraska and Doctors degree from the University of Wisconsin. For two years he was associated with Dr. J. M. Gillette of the University of North Dakota and during the past three years has been at Sioux Falls College.

An unusually good response has been received this year to the rural dramatics program sponsored by our part-time South Dakota Rural Sociology Extension Specialist. One-hundred and six community clubs of one type or another entered the rural dramatics contests. These clubs were located in 29 different counties which in turn held county elimination contests. The winners of the county contests participated in four district contests and the winners of the district contests competed in the state contest held at Brookings the forepart of February during Farm and Home Week.

A rural music program on a somewhat smaller scale has also been instituted in various counties of the state. One successful phase of this work was a state wide contest for vocal quartets. Twenty-seven different quartets came into Brookings in connection with the farm and home week. The college has also sponsored during the year, an interesting Choir Festival. This is held in connection with the Baccalaureate Service of Commencement week.

W.F.KUMLIEN.

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TEXAS: (Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas)

Mr. W.C.Holley, a graduate student in the Department of Rural Sociology, has recently been put in charge of Rural Rehabilitation Surveys in Texas as Rural Research Analyst for the FERA in Washington. He is starting the 18th of the month with a staff of 16 workers to survey rural rehabilitation activities in 11 selected counties of Texas. He is working directly under Dr. E.D.Tetreau, Southern Rural Research Analyst for the FERA.

The Rural Sociology Department is sponsoring for the third year in cooperation with the local county agents and vocational agricultural teachers, the cooperative self-help projects of sending young men to college. The first year 12 boys were in these projects, last year 130 boys, and this year 238 boys. It looks as if next year there will be as many as 400 boys in the group plan at A. and M. College of Texas. Not any of these young men could attend college without the assistance of this plan. Most of them are farm boys. These boys are making more favorable scholastic records than the other boys in Texas A. and M. College. The only two freshmen who have made perfect scholastic records this year lived in these cooperative extension projects promoted by the Department of Rural Sociology.

Mr. Dan R. Davis and Mr. J. E. Miller are Graduate Assistants in the Department this year.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

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TEXAS: (State College for Women, College of Industrial Arts)

In the curriculum for students preparing themselves to be home demonstration agents, is a course in rural sociology. This group is likewise given instruction in rural arts and crafts in addition to the subject matter usually classed as home economics.

JESSIE H. HUMPHRIES.

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UTAH: (Brigham Young University)

The following research projects are being carried on at Brigham Young University in connection with FERA rural research division:

The Significance to the Rural Relief Problem of Economic Fluctuations in the Tintic Metal Mining Region of Utah (See publications' section.)

Rural-Urban Population Shifts 1930 to 1935. This study is based upon annual census reports of the LDS Church. This project is in process of preparation and should be finished by June 1st. Preliminary examination of the data indicates a rather heavy increase in rural population over urban during the depression years.

Cooperative project, participated in by the Departments of Sociology of Brigham Young University, State Agricultural College, University of Utah and the State ERA to locate stranded populations of Utah, has been completed. Something over two thousand families were interviewed and defined as industrially stranded in this survey. (See publications' section.)

LOWRY NELSON.

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VIRGINIA: (Virginia Polytechnic Institute)

This division will submit for publication within the next few weeks an intensive community study of the area adjacent to the college. Population conditions and trends and town-village relations are the points of chief emphasis in the study. It will constitute the third in our series of community studies being carried on by the division. Other units will reach publication shortly.

A series of five articles emphasizing the idea of planned development based on our study "County conditions and trends of social significance" have been recently carried by most of the county papers of the state and have aroused considerable interest.

Prof. B. L. Hummel, of the rural sociology extension division has been on leave of absence for the past three months in connection with the National Rural Rehabilitation work.

W.E.GARNETT.

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WASHINGTON: (State College of Washington)

Dr. Howard W. Beers of Cornell University has been employed as assistant professor of rural sociology in the State College of Washington.

Dr. Beers will give half of his time to teaching courses in rural sociology and half of his time to directing rural sociological research.

The Department of Sociology is expanding its work in rural sociology by adding courses in Rural Population, Farm Standards of Living, Town-Country Relationships, Rural Social Work, and Rural Rehabilitation.

FRED R. YODER.

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WISCONSIN: (University of Wisconsin)

Dr. J. H. Kolb, Head of the Department of Rural Sociology is now on leave from this institution and has assumed charge of the Rural Research Unit in the Division of Research, Statistics, and Finance of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

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FARM POPULATION AND RURAL LIFE ACTIVITIES



A REVIEW OF CURRENT RESEARCH AND OTHER RELATED PROJECTS OF THE DIVISION OF FARM POPULATION AND RURAL LIFE AND INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES COOPERATING

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Dr. T. B. Manny, acting in charge, has completed the manuscript of a study of township and school district government in Upper Freehold Township, New Jersey, including an analysis of farmer opinions and suggestions concerning their local government. This material will be published along with other reports for the same township by the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture. The manuscript of a study of local government in two Ohio counties, including political subdivisions thereof, is now under way. This study is being undertaken in cooperation with the Department of Rural Economics, Ohio State University and Agricultural Experiment Station. It involves financial analyses, services rendered to local people, and farmers' opinions and suggestions on the same subjects.

Dr. C. P. Loomis, has prepared a paper entitled "Remedies for Rural Exodus and Unemployment" to be presented before the International Country Life Conference which meets in Luxemburg, July 20 - 23 and in Brussels, July 24 and 25. Recently, in cooperation with the Rural Unit of the Division of Research, Statistics and Finance, F.E.R.A., and with the rural research directors of a number of states, Dr. Loomis has been preparing a suggested base schedule for studies of the level of living of rural families to be started in several states this summer. Each state director may add to this schedule, but insofar as possible the work done in the several states will be held comparable. Dr. Loomis spent a few days in the field testing the proposed schedule by interviews with farm families, following which some changes were made in it.

Dr. Manny spoke twice before the Indiana 4-H Club Junior Leaders Conference on June 5 at their annual camp near Indianapolis, dealing with the problems of out-of-school rural young people and ways and means of meeting these to some extent through group activities for this age group. From June 20 through June 22, Dr. Manny attended the First Annual Country Life Conference at Ames, Iowa. Two addresses, participation in a panel discussion group and participation in 3 larger discussion groups were involved in this connection.

Dr. C. J. Galpin, formerly in charge of the Division, gave a radio talk over the National Farm and Home Hour program on Wednesday, July 3rd. His topic was "Some Communities of Distinction that I Have Known."

RURAL RESEARCH STAFF, F.E.R.A.

The following progress notes relating to current research projects have been submitted by the Rural Unit, Division of Research, Statistics, and Finance.

1. Survey of Current Change in the Rural Relief Population. The data for the Survey of Current Change in the Rural Relief Population for February are being tabulated. Tabulations will be made at regular four-month intervals or oftener if required. The survey is being rapidly expanded on a state sampling basis.

2. Farm Rehabilitation Survey.

After a rapid preliminary survey of conditions in eleven drought states, a more detailed study has been undertaken by the Research Section of the F.E.R.A. in cooperation with the Farm Management Division of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture. The survey includes four phases: (1) a study of the natural factors which affect productivity within the region; (2) a study of the organization of the factors of production on farms and the farm practices followed in each area; (3) the present financial conditions of farmers within the area; and (4) the problem of rehabilitation "in place" or reestablishment in other areas removed from marginal conditions. Pertinent data are being assembled in Washington, and in the various states where drought research committees have been set up. The survey includes the following states: Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. A sampling survey of farm families in thirteen counties is practically complete.

3. Rural Standard of Living Studies.

Studies of standards of living, family living, and family budgets are being undertaken by a number of states in cooperation with the Rural Research Unit of the F.E.R.A. and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. A minimum schedule to be utilized by all cooperating states will secure information concerning composition of the households, industries and occupations of members, income, expenditures, mobility, and housing. This standard schedule will be supplemented by individual state schedules orientated about specific state problems. Dr. Charles P. Loomis of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics is acting as general coordinator of the surveys. Cooperating states are Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, New York, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, and New Hampshire. Other states may be added later.

4. Survey of Combined Farming-Industrial Employment in the United States.

The objective of the survey of various types of combined farming-industrial employment, is to estimate the possibilities for rehabilitating rural relief families in farming-industrial employment in various regions of the United States. The extensive field survey with schedules both for part-time farm families and for full-time industrial workers' families is to be supplemented by an exhaustive analysis of pertinent data from the U. S. Census, special Census tabulations, studies by agricultural experiment stations, industrial surveys, etc. The field survey is now being carried on in fifteen counties in the Eastern Cotton Area. Other areas will be surveyed later.

5. Survey of the Plantation-Tenant Situation in the South.

This survey will emphasize the plantation, rather than the individual tenant, as the unit, a marked departure from current tenancy studies. It is designed to furnish information on the specific problems connected with the administration of rural relief and rehabilitation programs in the South. Such questions as the relief load in plantation counties, the persistence of the plantation pattern, the characterization of plantations, the distribution of income, and the concentration of ownership are to be investigated. The schedule has been prepared in two parts - a plantation blank and a tenant family blank. It is proposed to sample between 1,000 and 1,500 plantations, including a minimum of 5,000 tenants. Counties in which large plantations dominate will be surveyed in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Data from the field survey will be supplemented by a synthesis of material in state studies. The survey went into the field the middle of June.

ELLEN WINSTON.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FIELD COURSE IN MEXICO

Teachers College, Columbia University, will conduct an Educational Field Course in Mexico during the coming summer. Two student groups will be organized. The first group will sail from New York or depart by train from other points on August 1 and arrive home September 3. The second will leave August 15 in the same way and return September 17. Each group will have three weeks in Mexico City and outlying areas with lectures and field trips emphasizing rural education, native arts and crafts and social and economic problems. Members of both groups will be enabled further to attend part or all of the New Education Fellowship Conference meeting in Mexico City, August 26-31.

This course will be directed by Professor Mabel Carney under the auspices of the International Institute of Teachers College and in cooperation with the Federal Department of Education in Mexico. It may be taken for two, three or four points of credit or without credit. The total cost per student will average about \$300.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF RURAL LIFE.Federal Publications:

United States Department of Agriculture:

Farm Population Estimates. This is the annual estimate of changes in the farm population. Released May 2, 1935. Mimeographed Report obtainable from Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Federal Emergency Relief Administration, 1734 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Average Monthly Earnings of Rural Relief and Non-Relief Households Whose Heads Were Not Farm Operators, October, 1923, 1928, 1933 Bulletin G-2

Employment and Residential Mobility of Rural Relief and Non-Relief Households, 1923-1933 Bulletin G-3

Industries and Occupations of Male Heads of Rural Relief and Non-Relief Households, October 1933 Bulletin G-5

Female Heads of Rural Relief and Non-Relief Households, October 1933 Bulletin G-6

Workers and Dependent Age Groups in Rural and Town Relief Cases in October 1934 Bulletin F-6

- Mobility of Rural and Town Population Bulletin F-7
- Type and Value of Relief Received by Rural and Town Cases,
October 1934 Bulletin F-8
- Relief History, May to October 1934, of Rural and Town Re-
lief Cases Bulletin F-9
- Comparison of Relief and Rehabilitation Cases in Rural Areas,
October 1934 Bulletin F-10
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- The Effect of the Civil Works Program on the Occupational Status
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Suzuki, Eitaro. A plan for a rural sociological survey in Japan. Gifu, Japan. Research Bulletin No. 19, Gifu Imperial College of Agriculture. 1931. (Written in Japanese but with a brief introduction and summary in English.)

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RESEARCH AND ACTIVITIES NOTES FROM COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE,
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALABAMA: (Alabama Polytechnic Institute)

A study was completed recently on the education and rehabilitation in Alabama farm households receiving relief (see under state publications). The report is a joint publication of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the Alabama Emergency Relief Administration, and comprises a part of the data which were gathered incident to the F.E.R.A. Landlord-Tenant Survey in Alabama. A preliminary confidential report of the latter was published in mimeographed form by the F.E.R.A. in July, 1934. Progress is now being made in getting the entire body of data into final form.

Mr. John H. McClure, assistant state supervisor of cooperative rural research under the F.E.R.A. is actively engaged at present in supervising the tabulation of rehabilitation schedules taken on the approximately 28,000 Alabama farm families who were receiving relief prior to the advent of the new state rehabilitation program last October.

HAROLD HOFFSOMMER

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ILLINOIS: (University of Illinois)

A rural young people's conference was held on April 27 at the University of Illinois, attended by approximately 600 young people from 75 counties of the state. The theme of the conference was "The Kind of Programs in Which Young Adults are Interested." Dr. O. E. Baker gave the background for the day's discussion in his paper on "The Outlook for Rural Youth." Dean Mumford gave the stage setting in his discussion on "Activities Among the Rural Youth of Illinois." Then 600 young people were divided into discussion groups of approximately 25 each to discuss the two themes "What Are Young People Doing," and "What Do Young People Want and Need in the Way of Programs of Activities of Interest to Young Adults." These 20 discussion groups were led by young people from various groups in the state who were themselves members of the groups. These discussion leaders were given training previous to the conference, so that they knew some of the fundamentals of leading group discussions, the training being given by Dr. Lyman S. Judson of the Speech Department of

the University of Illinois. After the group discussions the leaders summarized their findings and presented them in a summarization session from which a summary statement was made up by Mrs. Kathryn VanAken Burns and D. E. Lindstrom and presented to the group of 600 at the last afternoon session. The evening was spent in group games attended by approximately 500 of the young people.

The young adults' project has been recognized by the Extension Service in the State of Illinois by the appointment of G. S. Randall and Cleo Fitzsimmons on a temporary basis to answer requests and do what they can to develop programs needed and desired by the young people.

Rural pastors' conferences have been held in almost a fourth of the counties in the state for the purpose of getting a better understanding of the extension program and the program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and of giving the rural pastors a chance to ask questions and voice opinions about these programs. A state-wide committee composed of Reverend Charles E. Shike, secretary of the Illinois Church Council; Father Nell of Effingham; William Reigel, a farmer at Tolono; Mrs. Virginia White, Champaign County home adviser; and D. E. Lindstrom, rural sociologist, University of Illinois, chairman, has been directly responsible for aiding in the development of these county pastors' conferences, and has been assigned the task of developing a still better understanding both between pastors themselves and of between them and other service agencies in the county such as the Extension Service, and the farm bureau and so on.

A series of discussion leader training schools will be held in eight districts of the state beginning June 13 to last through June 21 for the primary purpose of training lay leaders among farm groups, to discuss such questions as "The Future of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration." Dr. Lyman S. Judson of the Department of Speech, Dr. D. E. Lindstrom, Professor J. D. Bilsborrow, and Professor F. E. Longmire as the instructional staff for these discussion leader training schools.

Cooperation with rural rehabilitation in the form of the contribution on "The Relief Client and the Community" at the County Rehabilitation Supervisors' Training School held at the University of Illinois in April, 1935, was made and the paper was mimeographed and placed in the hands of the supervisors of rural rehabilitation. At the school itself over 80 persons from more than 60 counties were present, and a

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committee was in charge headed by Professor H. C. M. Case, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, of which the rural sociologist was a member.

The manuscript on "Social Forces Affecting Rural Organization," a study of participation of farm families in rural social organizations and activities in four townships of two counties of the State of Illinois is to be sent to the publisher early in July.

A progress report on "The Effectiveness of 4-H Club Work in the State of Illinois" is being prepared and it is hoped will be available in mimeographed form by the first of July.

The field work and statistical analysis for a study of the social conditions affecting farm families in submarginal areas have been completed for two areas in Union County, Illinois, one of which is the Lick Creek area to be made a part of the Forest Purchase area of the Land Policy Section of the AAA. These surveys were conducted under the direction of Dr. D. E. Lindstrom, Professor H. C. M. Case and supervised by L. E. Adams and Lyle F. Shoot.

A survey of rural resources basic to rural rehabilitation and work relief planning is completed and the manuscript is being prepared for Champaign and Alexander counties. These have been conducted under the direction of Dr. D. E. Lindstrom with Paul H. Ritterskamp as associate supervisor and Robert Snyder as assistant supervisor.

A survey of rural resources is being set up in Pope County to secure data comparable to data secured in Alexander and Champaign counties. These last projects have been conducted by the Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission and the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

The F.E.R.A., DRS-109, survey of current changes in the rural relief situation has been conducted in four counties of the State of Illinois, and the completed schedules for the February sample have been transmitted to Washington. This project was conducted under the supervision of Dr. D. E. Lindstrom with Robert Handschin as chief editor. L. E. Adams, Florence White and Ann Summers have assisted in the field work.

D. E. LINDSTROM

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IOWA: (Iowa State College)

Members of the staff were instrumental in organizing the County Life Institute held at the college during the week of June 19 to 22. Dr. Shultz, Dr. Von Tungeln, Dr. Wakeley, Dr. Stacy and Professor Harter served as conference leaders on various phases of rural life.

Visiting leaders during the week included, Dr. T. B. Manny of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life; Dr. J. H. Kolb of the University of Wisconsin; Dr. O. E. Baker of the Division of Land Economics; Dr. Paul Mort of Columbia University and Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary.

Prof. W. L. Harter of the sociology department joined the state rural rehabilitation staff early in April as a special investigator on the social phases of rural rehabilitation.

W. H. Stacy, extension sociologist, received his PhD. from Columbia this spring and his thesis has been published by the university. (See other publications.)

Dr. Ray E. Wakeley has completed a manuscript, "Part-time and Garden Farming in Iowa" which will be published as an experiment station bulletin in the near future.

George Strayer, a graduate of the college, was added to the staff as a specialist in rural young peoples' work during the spring.

Two surveys are in progress under the cooperative research agreement with F.E.R.A. of which Dr. Wakeley and Edwin Losey are supervisors. A study of rural mobility is being made in seven Iowa counties and the current rural relief trends study in eleven counties. Preliminary tabulations on both these studies are also in progress.

Dr. Von Tungeln is giving a special course to county agents and vocational agricultural education teachers on the subject "Practical Sociology."

Dr. Charles Burrows, professor of sociology at Simpson College, has joined the cooperative research staff as a supervisor for the summer.

Members of the department have just completed a twenty-year program outline for sociology extension work.

EDWIN LOSEY.

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KENTUCKY: (University of Kentucky)

The first short course for town and country pastors was held at the University of Kentucky April 29 to May 4, 1935. This was arranged in response to a request from the Kentucky Rural Church Council at its meeting during Farm and Home Week in January, 1935.

Prof. E. C. Cameron of Butler University, delivered a series of lectures on the background, present condition, pressing problems and program of the rural church; training of local leadership; the rural minister; and cooperation among rural churches.

Dr. H. W. McLaughlin, director of country church work, Presbyterian Church in the United States, delivered a series of lectures on religious education in the rural church. Round table discussions were held on the economic and moral implications of the production control program of the Federal Government; how home missions committees can help most effectively in reviving languishing rural churches; the church and the farm tenant; and the rural church and the negro.

The music, worship program, and recreation of the short course were in charge of Mr. George W. Campbell of Wesley Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio.

An address was given by Dean and Director Thomas P. Cooper on the advancement of the welfare of the rural people of Kentucky through the College of Agriculture. The chief purpose of his address was to show rural ministers the possibilities for effective cooperation between the college and the rural churches of the state.

Scholarships of \$10 each were arranged by six of the leading denominations of the state. There were 147 ministers and church leaders present at the short course; 81 of whom were present during four or more more of the six days. Dr. W. D. Nicholls was in charge of the short course.

MERTON OYLER.

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MASSACHUSETTS: (Harvard University)

Mary Byrd and Karl Shafer of Louisiana, Jon H. Useem of California, Neale B. DeNood of New York, and R. B. Fletcher of Massachusetts State College will carry on research projects in rural sociology at Harvard University during the coming year working with Prof. C. C. Zimmerman. John H. Useem has been appointed assistant supervisor of Rural Research Studies for Massachusetts and will concentrate on rehabilitation studies in 43 Massachusetts rural towns. Mary Byrd and R. B. Fletcher are assisting in this project. Neale B. DeNood is making particular investigations of the "never employed" young persons who came to maturity in the rural districts and cities of Massachusetts during the depression and who have not yet found work.

The Harvard Sociology Department study of the unemployed in Massachusetts, which is under a committee consisting of Richard K. Conant, commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare; E. B. Wilson, professor of vital statistics; John D. Black, professor of economics and chairman of the Harvard Committee on Research in the Social Sciences; James Ford, associate professor of sociology; George P. Hamlin, Jr., Harvard '30; and Carle C. Zimmerman, associate professor of sociology, is paying attention to the problem in the rural districts in cooperation with the Massachusetts State Planning Project and the Massachusetts Division of Rural Rehabilitation.

Dr. Zimmerman is teaching during the summer session at the University of Louisiana.

C. C. ZIMMERMAN.

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MICHIGAN: (Michigan State College)

The Third Annual Collegiate Country Life Conference was held at Michigan State College, May 11. There were six colleges represented with a total attendance of 101.

The Department of Sociology of Michigan State College in cooperation with the State Conference of Social Work, the State Welfare Department, and the State Emergency Relief Commission has arranged for the Seventh Annual Institute for social workers to be held at the College July 15 - 19. Special sections in family case work are scheduled for rural social workers. Programs are available to rural sociologists who may be interested in the detailed plans of the Institute.

As a result of the conference on problems of youth held at the College last November a continuation committee consisting of leaders representing various institutions and organizations interested in youth was appointed. During the past months this committee has sponsored several youth-adult hearings or conferences at strategic points in the state. A third state-wide conference is planned for September 28.

Data in connection with the research project, "The Role of the Local Weekly Newspaper in Community Life," which involves a detailed

analysis of the content of a representative sample of weekly papers in Michigan, are now being analyzed and the results written in bulletin form.

In cooperation with the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the State Emergency Relief Commission the Department of Sociology is planning to extend its survey of counties to a state sample basis and to inaugurate a standard of living study in typical areas of the state.

EBEN MUMFORD.

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NEW YORK: (Teachers College, Columbia University)

Among the studies under way in the Department of Sociology is one of the sociology of rural Canada with special reference to British Columbia. Mr. H. C. Etter is in charge, working under the supervision of Professors Brunner and Cyr.

The doctor's dissertations recently completed by Dr. Harrison Euler and Dr. William H. Stacy have been published. (See other publications section)

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NEW YORK: (New York State College of Agriculture)

Dr. Leonard S. Cottrell, Jr., who has been an instructor in the Department of Sociology of the University of Chicago for several years and is now engaged in rural research for the F.E.R.A., has been appointed assistant professor.

The following have been appointed graduate assistants for the coming year:

Robin Williams, Route 4, Hillsboro, North Carolina
Mrs. M. H. Williams, 405 Ransom Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Eugene T. Stromberg, Oakland, Nebraska..

William M. Smith of Norwalk, Ohio has been appointed as an extension assistant to work in the field of recreation.

Prof. Dwight Sanderson is spending the summer in Europe and will attend the International Country Life Conference at Brussels late in July and the International Sociological Conference at the same place the last of August.

DWIGHT SANDERSON.

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TENNESSEE: (University of Tennessee)

Dr. George Allen Baker has joined the staff of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Tennessee, and will be engaged in research in rural sociology. He will devote particular attention to problems in rural relief and rural rehabilitation.

Prof. Charles E. Allred, state supervisor, and M. Taylor Matthews, assistant supervisor, are at present conducting state surveys relating to rural relief and rural rehabilitation in six counties of Tennessee. Four of these studies are being made at the request of the state relief administration, one in cooperation with the TVA, and one at the request of the county relief administration.

Mr. Jasper P. Burnett has just completed a Master's thesis in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Tennessee, on the effect of industrial development on rural life in four Tennessee counties. Immediately on graduation Mr. Burnett accepted a position with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Mr. Charles A. Torsh, Jr., a graduate of Texas A. & M. College, is completing a Master's thesis in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Tennessee, on the development and present status of the rural church in Tennessee. He will receive his degree in August.

Mr. Paul E. Strickler, who comes from Penn State College, is a candidate for the Master's degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Tennessee, this summer. The topic of his thesis is the economic and social history of Tennessee agriculture to 1870.

Mrs. Ruth M. Tatum, a graduate of University of Tennessee, has been appointed Editor in connection with the study of current changes in relief.

C. E. ALLRED.

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VIRGINIA: (Virginia Polytechnic Institute)

This Division has just submitted for publication an intensive study of the town of Blacksburg, where the college is located, and the adjacent trade and high school area. Population questions and town-country relations are the points of chief emphasis in the study. Among the findings of most general interest we may mention that 577 community-reared migrants of the last 50 years were traced. They went to 36 other states and 5 foreign countries, as well as to 30 Virginia counties. Over half of the population of the community were classed as marginal in their living standards. It was found that for 159 completed families of this social status the average number of children was 6.4 as compared to 1.9 in 102 of the more prosperous families of the village. Twenty-one percent of the 500 wives reporting were married at 16 or younger, and 10.5 percent at 15 or younger. This manuscript constitutes the third number in our series of community studies. Other numbers are well advanced.

We are just beginning some population studies as a supplement to the land utilization project being carried on cooperatively by all divisions of the Experiment Station. These studies are being carried on in close cooperation with the State Planning Board.

Prof. B. L. Hummel, of the Rural Sociology Extension Division, who has been on leave of absence for the last 6 months in connection with the rural aspects of the national rehabilitation work is expected to return to his college duties the first of July.

The sixth Rural Ministers School at Virginia Polytechnic Institute will open on July 17, and close on July 26. Two courses of study, worship in the rural church program, and basic problems of the rural church; a series of round-table discussions on subjects of interest to rural ministers; evening addresses by guest speakers representing a variety of fields; and group activities and instruction in music, dramatics, and recreation are features of this school.

W. E. GARNETT.

W. L. HUMMEL.

WASHINGTON: (State College of Washington)

Dr. Howard W. Beers has been appointed supervisor of rural research studies for the F.E.R.A. and the W.E.R.A. in the State of Washington. He will direct a study of the farm situation and transient labor and families in the Yakima Valley.

Mr. Melvin Brooks, a graduate of the Department of Rural Sociology, has been appointed assistant supervisor in relief research studies.

Miss Margaretta Frisbee, Instructor in the Department of Sociology, is attending summer school at the University of Minnesota, where she is taking special courses in rural social work.

Mr. A. A. Smick is offering in the Summer School three special courses dealing with rural sociology and rural social work: 1. General rural sociology, 2. Rural case work, and 3. Rural rehabilitation.

FRED R. YODER.

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WISCONSIN: (University of Wisconsin)

Rural Organization Leaders. Plans are well under way for the Second Annual Rural Leaders' Summer Camp and Conference. The time is August 14-15-16; and the place, Camp Willerup on Lake Ripley. County and state leaders in the Farm Bureau, Grange, Farmers Equity Union, P. T. A., Future Farmers, 4-H, Homemakers, Progressive Farmers, and community clubs, and county agents will meet to consider their programs in relation to rural young people. The topics will be presented chiefly through the discussion method.

Discussion Leadership. A. F. Wileden, extension rural sociologist, on leave for the past month, has been working on public discussion programs in relation to national problems as specialist in information, Division of Information, Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Much interest has been shown in the public discussion method as a form of adult education in the Middle West.

Rural Leadership Summer School. The Fourteenth Annual Leadership School for rural pastors will convene at the College of Agriculture, July 1 - 12, 1935. The courses offered include principles of education by E. W. Longman; rebuilding community life, J. O. Miller; public discussion methods and public speaking by H. L. Ewbank; rural relief and rehabilitation, E. L. Kirkpatrick; agricultural adjustment programs by B. H. Hibbard; and public welfare in the rural community, Sophia Siebecker; personality and social adjustment, Kimball Young. D. D. Lescohier will conduct the daily assembly on trends toward security. W. L. Masley will handle the program of organized recreation for rural communities.

Visits with Rural Life Groups on Other Campuses. E. L. Kirkpatrick made a trip in April in the interest of the Student Section of the American Country Life Association, of which he serves as chairman. He spoke before college assemblies and rural life groups at Purdue, Ball State Teachers' College, Ohio State University, Berea, Richmond (Ky.) State Teachers' College, University of Kentucky, Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College, and Illinois University. A keen interest was evidenced by the students.

Fellows and Assistants. G. F. Theriault, research assistant in rural sociology, was a successful applicant for an unassigned fellowship in the College of Agriculture. He will drop his present work to accept the new position at the beginning of the school year. The research assistantship which he has held since February will go to Olaf Larson, who held a similar position at the University of Minnesota during the past year. Sigurd Johansen, fellow during the year, will serve as teaching assistant in general sociology next year.

State Rural Life Conferences. The third State Collegiate Country Life Conference held at the University of Wisconsin, May 11, 1935, was attended by 460 delegates representing Columbia, Dodge, Green, Green Lake, Langlade, Outagamie, Racine-Kenosha, Richland, Sauk, Sheboygan, Waushara and Wood County Rural Normal Schools; Jefferson High School Training School; Eau Claire, LaCrosse, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Platteville, Stevens Point and Superior State Teachers Colleges; and the University of Wisconsin.

The program topic "Kind of Rural Life Young People Want" was treated primarily by the discussion method, the small group sessions

being led by young people themselves. It included also comments on youth surveys which have been carried on throughout the state during the past year, reports of activities and objectives in the different schools and clubs which were represented and addresses by Glenn Frank, President, and Abby L. Marlatt, Director of Home Economics, University of Wisconsin, and A. G. Arvold, Founder of the Little Country Theater, Fargo, North Dakota.

The evening sessions of the program consisted of demonstrations suited for reproduction in the rural areas with generally available leadership and equipment. The folk games and exhibit of homemade game equipment directed and presented by Mrs. Marn B. Henry were well adapted for country school houses, town halls and similar meeting places as well as for rural homes.

Rural Standard of Living Study. A study of rural standards of living among selected families is under way in the Phelps-Crandon sub-marginal land purchase area. Approximately 200 farm families which do not qualify for rehabilitation under the present program and 100 other families in stranded population centers will be visited.

The study is being prefaced with the classification of all families (on a one in four sample basis) for the entire area. An adaptation of the schedules used for the F.E.R.A. problem area survey is being used for this purpose. The Rural and Social Service Divisions of the Wisconsin Emergency Relief Administration are cooperating in the study. Carl F. Kraenzel and Marjory Thomas are supervising the field work.

E. L. KIRKPATRICK.

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STUDENT SECTION, AMERICAN COUNTRY LIFE ASSOCIATION.

The eighteenth annual conference of the American Country Life Association will be held at Ohio State University, Columbus, September 19 - 22. Plans are under way for the Student Section program on the topic "Kind of Rural Life Young People Want." With the increased interest in discussion method, this program offers a splendid opportunity for young people to discuss topics of first-hand importance to them. There is an urgent need of students who will assume responsibility as leaders, secretaries and five-minute speakers for the small group sessions. Those who are interested and willing to assist are requested to write at once to E. L. Kirkpatrick, 315 Agricultural Hall Madison, Wisconsin.

Due to limitations in available funds, assistance to delegates will be confined to clubs affiliated with the American Country Life Association. It will pay one-half the railroad fare and other travel expenses en route not to exceed ten dollars for the official delegate. All groups as well as individuals are welcome, however, and urged to attend and participate. The tentative program follows:

Tentative Program
Student Section, A.C.L.A. Conference

Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

September 19-22, 1935

"KIND OF RURAL LIFE YOUNG PEOPLE WANT"

Thursday, September 19

3:00 P.M. Registration - in charge of Noreen McLaughlin and Elizabeth Converse, Ohio State University.

5:30 P.M. Dinner: Acquaintanceship and Fellowship - in charge of Donna Hadley, Vice-president, Student Section A.C.L.A.

Welcome: J. F. Cunningham, Dean of Agriculture, Ohio State University.

Address: "The Student Section - What It Is and How It Functions," Olav Anderson, President, Student Section, A.C.L.A.

7:00 P.M. General Session: Musical Program

Address: "Kind of Rural Life We Can Look Forward To in the United States," Carl C. Taylor, President, A.C.L.A.

10:00-12:00 P.M. Social Hour, in charge of Marjorie Welsh, Ohio State University. 4-H Club.

Friday, September 20

8:30 A.M. Campbell Hall Auditorium - Statement: "The Conference Objective," Frank Jordan, Kansas State College, Vice-president, Student Section, A.C.L.A.

9:30-12:00 Small group discussions*
Vocations and employment
Spare-time activities
Informal or out-of-school education
Community organization and relations

12:30 P.M. Luncheon - in charge of Florence Johnson, Western Illinois State Teachers College, Secretary of Student Section, A.C.L.A. -
"What My Group is Doing," brief reports from official delegates.

2:30-5:00 P.M. Small group discussions*
Informal or out-of-school education
Community organizations and relations
Standards of living
Real values in country life

6:30 P.M. Dinner: in charge of Eloise Grant, Cornell University, Vice-president, Student Section, A.C.L.A.

Address: "Possibilities of a Rural Youth Movement,"
E. L. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, Student Advisory Committee

Entertainment: Home Talent Play by Franklin County, Ohio, Young People's Rural Community Group

Saturday, September 21

9:00-11-30 A.M. Small group discussion*
Vocation and employment
Spare-time activities
Standards of living
Real values in country life

12:30 P.M. Luncheon: In charge of Florence Johnson, Secretary, Student Section - "What My Group is Doing" (continued)

2:30-4-30 P.M. Large Group Discussion Summary, Campbell Hall Auditorium, "Kind of Rural Life We Want."

5:00-7:30 P.M. Picnic - Richard Anderson, Ohio State University, Chairman.

8:00 P.M. General Session: Dramatic and Musical Program by Rural Community Groups

Symposium: "My Philosophy of Rural Life," C. J. Galpin, L. H. Bailey, Eugene Davenport

Sunday, September 22

6:30 A.M. General Session: Early Morning Service
Musical Program
"Spiritual Values of Rural Life," Rev.
M. H. Lichliter, Columbus, Ohio

12:00 NOON Dinner: Annual Business Meeting, Olav Anderson, University of Wisconsin, President, Student Section, A.C.L.A. presiding.

2:00 P.M. General Session:
Musical Program, by Wilburforce College Chorus

Address: "Great Decisions Upon Which the Future of Rural Life Will Depend," H. A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture.

E. L. KIRKPATRICK

* The small group discussions will center on the four sub-topics indicated at each of the different sessions. It is planned that the discussions on each will carry through two periods. In each instance, the discussion should proceed from activities, facilities, and opportunities now available through those desired, to steps needed to make possible the kind of rural life young people want.

General Sessions are with the Adult Section of the A.C.L.A.

FARM POPULATION AND RURAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

A REVIEW OF CURRENT RESEARCH AND OTHER RELATED PROJECTS OF THE DIVISION OF FARM
POPULATION AND RURAL LIFE AND INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES COOPERATING

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DIVISION NOTES.

Dr. Carl C. Taylor has been designated by Secretary Wallace to head the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Dr. Taylor is also Director of the Rural Resettlement Division of the Federal Resettlement Administration. He will continue in this work, having been designated a collaborator.

For two years, Dr. Taylor has been associated with government rural subsistence homesteads and land utilization activities. He was a special assistant in the Division of Subsistence Homesteads of the Department of the Interior, and later became Regional Director in the Land Policy Section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. He has been an instructor at the University of Texas and at Mt. Holyoke College, associate professor at the University of Missouri, and Director of Research, and dean of the Graduate School and head of the Sociology Department at North Carolina State College.

T. B. Manny, who has been a staff member in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, Bureau of Agricultural Economics since October 1, 1927, and has been acting in charge of this division since July 1, 1934, is resigning from the United States Department of Agriculture on October 5, 1935. He has been appointed head of a newly-created Department of Sociology at the University of Maryland. The program of the new unit will include both teaching and research in sociology, urban and rural, and will be tied in closely with the public welfare work of this State.

By the fall of 1936, it is expected a post-graduate major in sociology will be available as part of the resident course of study. The research work in rural areas will be undertaken cooperatively with the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

Prior to joining the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Dr. Manny for several years was head of the Department of Sociology at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

Dr. Manny is also being appointed as collaborator to advise with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics concerning plans for the immediate future of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. The annual directory of teachers of the rural sociology will be issued as usual and the annual estimate of changes in number of persons living on farms will be carried out early in 1936 probably under Dr. Manny's supervision.

C. P. Loomis has been in the field much of the time since August 1 in connection with a study of the development of community life in several recently occupied colonies established under Federal auspices.

Miss Ella Gardner, formerly recreation specialist in the Children's Bureau, United States Department of Labor, joined the Federal Agricultural Extension Service on July 15 as specialist in rural recreation. Her appointment marks the first step in the development of extension rural sociology in the United States Department of Agriculture. Under a cooperative arrangement between the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, Miss Gardner's office is located in the space occupied by the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life though for matters relating to extension policy and methods her work is supervised by Mr. A. B. Graham, chief of the Subject Matter Specialists.

C. J. Galpin, formerly in charge of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, attended the annual meeting of the American Country Life Association addressing the Saturday evening session under the subject "My Philosophy of Rural Life." This address was broadcast by the radio station W O S U Columbus. Dr. Manny also attended some of the sessions, and served as summarizer for the one-day conference of rural homemakers. He also took part in a panel discussion on rural population problems.

RURAL RESEARCH UNIT - F. E. R. A.

1. Survey of Current Changes in the Rural Relief Population. This survey has now been extended to a state sampling basis in 32 states. The county schedule has been revised to provide a rapid monthly check on turnover. Current analyses and interpretation will be made of the types of families coming onto and leaving the relief rolls and of types of families in relation to the method of their rehabilitation. It is tentatively planned to check at three or four month intervals the socio-economic status of families that have left the relief rolls in order to give some notion of the extent and method of their rehabilitation. Several reports are projected on the findings of the February survey besides the one on "The Rural Relief Population, February, 1935" already published. These include "Cases without Workers in the Rural Relief Population," "Rural Youth Receiving Relief," "Eligibility of Families Receiving Relief for Rural Resettlement and Rehabilitation" and "Negroes Receiving Relief in the Cotton Areas."
2. Relief Closings in Rural Georgia.
A rapid survey of relief cases in Georgia closed by administrative rulings has just been made. The study was undertaken for the purpose of determining whether or not unemployables were suffering from the sudden termination of Federal relief.

Preliminary tabulations indicate that more than half of the closings in Georgia were justifiable since the families removed from relief were apparently taking care of themselves fairly well. The remaining closed cases, primarily representing "unemployables," were in a serious condition. A few counties were found to be financially unable to care for such dependents. The majority had the funds but were unwilling to spend them for adequate care of unemployable cases.

3. Rural Social Work Studies.

Federal relief has revealed special needs for social work in rural areas and has raised new problems in connection with personnel training and method. Three studies on this subject have been undertaken.

- a. A study of Rural Social Work Practices is being set up to determine: (1) the need for social work in rural areas; (2) the extent to which the need can be met by available resources; (3) the personality characteristics in social workers which best meet rural situations and the extent to which special skills and training are needed to meet distinctly rural problems; and (4) methods of selection and training of rural social work personnel. Two representative rural counties will be studied in each of three type areas. Counties with various types of experience will be chosen, those with organized programs of social work of years' standing, those with little social work experience, and those with practically none at all. The study will go into the field early in the fall. It is expected that the first phase of the work will take about three months.
- b. Information on Standards and Qualifications of Rural Social Work Personnel is being collected from all States as a basis for evolving some uniformity in practices.
- c. The results of An Inquiry into the Results of the Social Work Training Given to F.E.R.A. Students have just been issued. With funds granted to 39 State E. R. A.'s 560 workers, or recruits who had not yet been employed, were sent to accredited schools of social work in September, 1934. The inquiry was made after the returned students had been back on the job 30 days. The students and State Directors of Social Service in the states involved were asked for their opinions as to the value of the training with relation to work among relief clients. Questionnaires will be sent out the middle of October to 460 E.R.A. social workers who held F.E.R.A. scholarships during the second semester of the last school year. This second inquiry will be used as a check against the first survey and will be somewhat more detailed in nature.

4. Rural Population Mobility.

Work is now nearly complete on the Survey of Rural Population Mobility. The field work is done and tabulations are under way. The study was conducted in selected areas of Ohio, Iowa and South Dakota under the general supervision of Dr. C. E. Lively of Ohio State University. Other states are planning similar projects.

All families (and non-family persons) resident on January 1, 1935 in the areas selected for the survey were included whether they had received relief or not. Families not residing in the areas on January 1, 1935 but present at the time of the survey were not included.

5. Rural Standards of Living.

States which have made applications for funds to be obtained from the WPA appropriation and to be used for standard of living projects are Ky., Mich., Mo., Va., and Wis. Other states which are considering standard of living projects are La., N. Y., Mass., S. D., Wash., and Mont. Some 500 rotoprinted copies of the schedules and instructions used in the study are available for distribution as samples and may be obtained from Dr. Loomis of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics or from F.E.R.A. Division of Research, Statistics and Finance.

6. Regional Conferences of Rural Research Supervisors.

Announcements of dates and places for approximately ten regional conferences of State Supervisors of Rural Research will be made some time during September. It is planned to give special attention to problems of regional and nation-wide interest. The Washington staff is particularly interested at the present time, in the development of state research projects on Rural Standards of Living, Population Movements, Rural Youth Problems, and Part-Time Farming.

ELLEN WINSTON.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF RURAL LIFE.Federal Publications:

Federal Emergency Relief Administration, 1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Education of Heads and Children of Rural Relief and Non-Relief
Households. Bulletin G-7

Rural Migration and Farm Abandonment. Recent history of Tripp
County, South Dakota, 1935. Bulletin Ser. II, No. 6.

The Rural Relief Population. Location, characteristics and estimated
numbers on relief. February, 1935. Bulletin H-1.

An Inquiry into the Results of the Social Work Training Given to F.E.R.A. Students. With especial emphasis on the results of training to rural social workers. Bulletin Ser. II, No. 7.

State Publications:

New York:

Anderson, W. A., and Kerns, Willis. Interest activities and problems of rural young folk. II. Men 15 - 29 years of age. Bulletin 631. 43 pp. Cornell Agricultural Experiment Station. Ithaca. May, 1935.

Ohio:

Programs of the Ohio Agricultural Extension Service. Ohio Agricultural Extension Service. Extension Bulletin. 32 pp. Columbus, 1935. Rural sociologists will be especially interested in pages 1 - 8.

Lively, C.E. Social aspects of land utilization. Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station. Columbus. June 1935. Mimeographed report.

Virginia:

Harlan, Howard H. Zion town, - a study of human ecology. Monograph No. 13. The University of Virginia Institute for Research in the Social Sciences. 65 pp. University, Va. 1935.

West Virginia:

Rapking, A. H. Adult education. Guide to a study of citizenship. West Virginia Agricultural Extension Service. 13 pp. Morgantown, W. Va. 1935. Mimeograph report.

Wisconsin:

Wileden, A. F., and Ewbank, H. L. How to conduct public discussion. Stencil Bulletin 140, 16 pp. Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin. Madison, February 1935. Mimeograph report.

Report of a demonstration in public discussion on "Financing Rural Education." Stencil Bulletin 162. 14 pp. Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin. Madison, June, 1935. Mimeograph report.

Wisconsin: (Continued)

Kirkpatrick, E. L. Survey of rural relief with reference to rural rehabilitation. Mimeograph report.

Kirkpatrick, E. L. and Thomas, Ruth M. Resettlement and Rehabilitation in the Crandon Land Purchase Area. Mimeograph report.

Boynton, Agnes M. and Kirkpatrick, E. L. Possibilities of a Rural Youth Movement. Mimeograph report.

Wileden, A. F. Five years of public discussion in Wisconsin. Stencil Cir. No. 163.

Wileden, A. F. A recreation program for the rural areas of Wisconsin (Radio cir.)

Gessner, Amy A. and Varney, Verne V. Recreation in the farm home. Stencil Cir. No. 167.

Other Publications:

Kolb, J. H., and Brunner, E. deS. A study of rural society. 642 pp. Houghton Mifflin Company. Boston. 1935.

Galpin, C. J. The growing importance of the human factor in the economics of agriculture. Bulletin of the Czechoslovak Academy of Agriculture Vol. XI, p. 372-378. 1935. The following summary of this article is given in English:

"Dr. Galpin is of the opinion that in these hard times agriculture cannot go forward on two wheels of knowledge when it requires three. These three wheels are science of land, of capital, and of man, and the most important, but most mysterious of the three is the human factor.

The author thinks that the rural sociologist cannot serve two masters, economics and sociology. He will view his task more clearly, when he hands over to the economist treatment of the economic aspect of the man in agriculture. The rural sociologist should be released from his dilemma and bidden to go forward in his special realm as analyst of the personalities of the dwellers in rural society."

RESEARCH AND ACTIVITIES NOTES FROM COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE,
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ILLINOIS: (University of Illinois)

Extension work in Rural Sociology has termed itself this summer with three chief phases: summer conferences of community leaders on program planning and unit organization, rural pastors' conferences to discuss county agricultural extension, home economics programs with particular reference to emergency programs and the State Fair chorus.

Community leader conferences this summer have chiefly dealt with plans for programs this fall. For example, in Randolph County leaders attending a county meeting subsequently conducted an informal discussion in 14 community meetings on "Why Do Farmers Want to Make Life on the Farm Richer and More Satisfying?" and "What Stands in the Way of Farmers Getting these Things?" The fall programs of the community units in Randolph County will be based on the reactions secured in answer to these questions.

Rural pastors' conferences have been held in one-third of the counties of the state and will be continued this fall. The most valuable contribution of these rural pastors' conferences is that they have provided a better understanding of the program of the Extension Service and have helped to answer satisfactorily some of the questions which the ministers have asked relative to the AAA program.

Over a thousand people were registered for the State Fair chorus which held its second annual recital on the platform in front of the Grandstand before 2,500 people at the State Fair in Springfield on August 23. This chorus was made up of county units from nine counties of the state, each of which had a number of rehearsals during the summer to get ready for the event. It was broadcast by two radio stations, WLS and WCBS. The unanimous opinion of all taking part was that the project should be continued another year.

Research work has been slowed up due to emergency programs. Manuscripts are now being prepared on Social Resources of Champaign and Alexander Counties and of Living Conditions Among Farmers in Three Precincts of Union County, which is in the center of the Forest Purchase Unit area. Work is being continued on the Federal Emergency Relief Administration Rural Research project on Current Changes in the Rural Relief Situation, and there has been added to our staff Mrs. Ida Johns as State Assistant Supervisor.

D. E. LINDSTROM.

IOWA: (Iowa State College)

Ray E. Wakeley returned to the College September 15 after spending three months on the Rural Research Staff of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. Dr. Wakeley will act as state supervisor of Cooperative Rural Research in Iowa for the coming year.

Charles N. Burrows, dean of men and head of the sociology department at Simpson College, returned to his academic duties this week after spending the summer months as a member of the Cooperative Rural Research Staff. A. H. Anderson of Belmond has been named Professor Burrows' successor.

Edwin Losey has been reappointed assistant state supervisor of Cooperative Rural Research and is now engaged in formulating research projects to be instituted under the National Works Program.

Everett N. Duncan received his bachelors degree in sociology at the end of the second summer session and has joined the State Resettlement Administration as a district supervisor.

A fellowship in sociology has been established by the State Old Age Assistance Commission and Don Trauger, formerly a research assistant with the FERA, has been appointed a fellow.

W. L. Harter was granted a year's leave of absence in July and has joined the Washington, D. C., Staff of the Resettlement Administration.

EDWIN LOSEY.

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MASSACHUSETTS: (Harvard University)

P. A. Sorokin of Harvard was elected President of the International Institute of Sociology at the meeting of the organization in Brussels, Belgium during August. Professor Carle C. Zimmerman was elected an associate member of the organization.

T. Lynn Smith of Louisiana and Carle C. Zimmerman of Harvard spent the month of August in the rural districts of old Mexico, getting acquainted with agriculture and rural life in that country.

John H. Unseem and R. B. Fletcher are appointed assistant supervisors of Rural Research for Massachusetts with Prof. Zimmerman for the coming year.

MASSACHUSETTS: (Harvard University con't)

Herbert D. Lamson of Harvard has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of sociology at the University of Maine. Dr. Lamson will be studying rural affairs in Maine.

C. Arnold Anderson of Harvard has accepted a position in sociology at Iowa State College beginning the second semester.

Neale B. DeNood, Instructor and graduate student in rural sociology at Harvard, has resigned to accept a position as Massachusetts supervisor of statistical research under the P.W.A.

C. C. ZIMMERMAN.

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NEW YORK: (New York State College of Agriculture)

The Summer School for Town and Country Ministers was held again in July with the financial support and cooperation of the State Federation of Churches, and an attendance of 31.

Professor Dwight Sanderson has returned from a summer in Europe. Two weeks were spent in visiting villages in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Roumania.

DWIGHT SANDERSON.

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NORTH CAROLINA: (College of Agriculture, University of N.C.)

M. Taylor Matthews, Assistant State Supervisor of Rural Research, will teach one course in rural sociology during the coming college year.

We expect to have from eight to ten graduate students in rural sociology this year. These students will take some of their courses at Chapel Hill, which is only 26 miles away.

The progress of our research program is summarized below by projects.

1. Recent Changes in the Social and Economic Status of North Carolina Farm Tenants. The statistical analysis on this project is approximately complete. Some further tabulations are being made, however, on trends in birth rates and migration. The most outstanding contribution of this project to date has been the analysis of trends of farm tenure during the past 15 years. The data show that beginning in 1930, there was a considerable shift of owners and tenants and croppers down the agricultural ladder, but that beginning somewhat in 1933 and continuing more strongly in 1934, there was a marked shift up the agricultural ladder.

2. Human Factors in Soil Erosion. This study, which was made in cooperation with the Tennessee Valley Authority, includes an analysis of social trends as well as a study of soil erosion in relation to these trends. The report on this project is approximately complete. The area studied was in the Cranberry-Hughes section of Avery County, North Carolina. This area, once the leading agricultural community of the county, has been on the decline during the past 25 or 30 years due to the soil erosion and loss of timber resources. Fifty-five percent of the population were on relief during 1934. The study shows that relief families were located on the roughest and poorest and most eroded land; that during the depression, farm families were forced to cultivate steep hillside, which should have been left in timber or grass. Our population analysis of the area showed the following:

A 22 percent decline in the adjusted birth rate from 1920 to 1934; a slightly but not significantly greater decline in the birth rates of families now on relief than the non-relief families; a marked decline in the marriage rate during the depression followed by a marked increase during 1933 and 1934 - the marriage rate among offsprings of relief families being lower in 1933 and 1934 than that of the offsprings of non-relief families; a similar trend in the percentage of young people leaving their parents' homes. A heavy migration of families now on relief back to the area during the depression followed by the migration of non-relief families back to the area about a year later - the peak of the migration in the case of relief families being 1931 and that of non-relief families being 1932.

3. Relation of the Agricultural Adjustment Program to Rural Relief Needs. The statistical analysis on this study, which was made in cooperation with the North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration, is approximately complete. Some further analysis is to be made of birth rates and other population trends comparable to those described above. This study covered 1,900 families in the Piedmont and Coastal plain of North Carolina. Among other things this study has shown that: There was practically no fluctuation in the geographical mobility of farm families during the depression; the movements of tenants in relief families, however, was somewhat greater than that of non-relief families; on the average about 20 percent of all families moved each year. The study also showed the shift down the agricultural ladder during the depression and a marked shift back up the agricultural ladder in the years 1934 and 1935; that the net income of croppers and renters increased from 1932 to 1934 almost as much as that of farm owners, including the Agricultural Adjustment benefit payments. In one or two areas studied the net income of croppers and renters actually increased more than that of farm owners. All of these factors, of course, are subject to further interpretative treatment in the light of other conditions and factors.

New studies planned, cooperating with the FERA and WPA during the coming year, include the following:

1. A study of factors involved in planning a program of work projects and rehabilitation for rural problem areas.
2. A study of the educational needs and interests of adult people in rural communities.

C. HORACE HAMILTON.

OHIO: (Ohio State University)

Research activities in Rural Sociology at Ohio State University are now centering about Rural Population Mobility and the Survey of Changes in the Current Rural Relief Situation. Machine work has been completed on the former and analysis of the data is in progress. Eleven counties are included in the latter survey being conducted in cooperation with the FERA. A WPA project has been submitted for a survey of the rural youth situation. A report is being prepared on the relief and non-relief population as included in FERA survey 3C-16.

William Tudor who has been Assistant Supervisor of cooperative rural research during the past year will continue his studies for the Master's degree during the coming year.

William Smith who has assisted with the Extension program in rural sociology during the past year will continue his studies at Cornell University this year.

C.E.LIVELY.

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TENNESSEE: (University of Tennessee)

Craig M. Smith, a graduate of Rhode Island State College, is Research Assistant in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Tennessee this year.

B. H. Luebke has joined the staff of the Tennessee Experiment Station as Assistant Agricultural Economist and Rural Sociologist. Mr. Luebke is a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College, has a Master's degree from Kansas State College, and most of the work completed for a Ph.D. at Chicago.

Frank M. Fitzgerald, Research Assistant in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, is engaged on a study of rural rehabilitation possibilities in representative counties of the State.

W.E.Hendrix is studying the relationship between soil type and certain sociological factors in Tennessee, and will write a thesis on that topic.

P.B.Boyer, Assistant Agricultural Economist and Rural Sociologist, University of Tennessee, is studying problems connected with cotton culture in the State.

John E. Mason, Research Assistant in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, is writing a report on the relationship of AAA activities to certain economic and social situations in Tennessee.

S. W. Atkins, Assistant Agricultural Economist and Rural Sociologist, is endeavoring to determine what agricultural adjustments are desirable in different sections of Tennessee from the standpoint of a better standard of living for the rural people.

C. E. Allred, Supervisor of Rural Research in Tennessee, aided by Assistant Supervisors M. Taylor Matthews, Charles A. Tosch, Jr., and George Allen Baker, has completed the manuscript of five reports on rural relief and rehabilitation possibilities in the State. The titles of these reports are as follows (they are not yet available for distribution):

Rural Relief and Rehabilitation Possibilities in Grundy County, Tenn.:

1. A Reconnaissance Survey
2. An Economic and Social Analysis of All Relief Cases

Rural Relief and Rehabilitation Possibilities in Overton County, Tenn.:

1. A Reconnaissance Survey
2. An Economic and Social Analysis of all Relief Cases

The Problem of Relief in Tennessee - a generalized statement.

C. E. ALLRED.

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VIRGINIA: (Virginia Polytechnic Institute)

The sixth session of the Virginia Rural Pastor's Summer School sponsored jointly by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Division of Rural Sociology and the Virginia Rural Church Conference Board was one of the most successful ever held. Plans are already under way for the seventh session.

The Virginia Rural Church Conference Board is joining with the Virginia Resettlement Administration in sponsoring a meeting in Richmond on October 3, on the state's problem of marginal population. A factual basis for the discussions will be afforded by the results of the research work in this field by the Rural Sociology Division of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station.

Virginia's very large marginal population is one of the most pressing as well as the most complex questions confronting the state. The Rural Sociology Division of the station has devoted much of its energy in the last two years to studies in this field. One phase of approach to the biological angle of the problem is through an analysis of family case histories over several generations.

Rural Recreation in Virginia. The Virginia Agricultural Extension Service has been made responsible by the State Works Progress Administration for the development and supervision of a state-wide project to provide the rural people of Virginia with abundant recreational facilities. B. L. Hummel has been asked to represent the Extension Service and act as superintendent of the state-wide project.

In response to a preliminary letter sent to the hundred counties of the state, replies have been received from sixty-one with definite applications from fifty-two. Responsibility is being placed on the counties for the development of plans, the securing of land, provision of one-half the building material, and construction equipment. The County Board of Supervisors is asked to assume title to the property and to appoint a board of directors, representing the active organizations of the county, which will be responsible for the maintenance and use of the recreational facilities through the years to come.

Rural Research in Virginia. Mr. Charles G. Bennett, with a Master's degree and subsequent graduate work at Cornell, has just come to V.P.I. as assistant to B. L. Hummel, as Supervisor of Rural Research in Virginia. With W. W. Eure and C. G. Bennett assisting on the rural research program, an intensive program has been planned for the state during the coming year. The proposed projects are now awaiting approval by the Washington office of the Works Progress Administration.

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WASHINGTON: (State College of Agriculture)

Howard W. Beers, Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology and part-time Supervisor of Rural Sociological Research under FERA in the state of Washington has resigned to accept a position as Associate Professor of Sociology in the University of Wisconsin.

Paul H. Landis of the University of South Dakota has been employed as Associate Professor of Rural Sociology to succeed Dr. Beers.

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WISCONSIN: (University of Wisconsin)

Changes in Personnel. J. H. Kolb, who served as Coordinator of Rural Research, F.E.R.A., for the past six months, has returned to assume his regular duties as head of the Department of Rural Sociology. E.L.Kirkpatrick, associate professor in charge of research in the Department, has been granted leave of absence for the year, to serve as Director of Rural Resettlement in the Regional Office of the Resettlement Administration with headquarters at Madison. His place on the department staff will be filled by Howard W. Beers, recently from the Department of Rural Sociology, Washington State College.

George S. Thereault, research assistant in the Department has accepted a fellowship in Rural Sociology in the College of Agriculture. He is succeeded by Olaf Larson from the Department of Rural Sociology, University of Minnesota.

Garrison L. Lincoln, relief director from Sawyer County, has accepted a temporary appointment with the Wisconsin Resettlement Administration to assist with the summary and interpretation of recent studies conducted under the W.E.R.A., F.E.R.A., and the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Plan for Rural Research.

Agnes Boynton, field worker and assistant for W.E.R.A. rural relief studies, has joined the staff of the Regional Resettlement Administration.

Melvin Anderson, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a major in speech, and several years' teaching experience has been added to the staff of the Department. He will give full-time to the public discussion work the first semester and part-time the second. Prof. H. L. Ewbank, of the University Speech Department, will continue working with the public discussion program on a part-time basis.

Leaders of Rural Organizations Discuss Common Problems. The third annual rural organization leaders summer camp and Conference was attended by more than a hundred representatives of the Granges, Farm Bureaus, P. T. A.'s, Community Clubs, and Farmers' Unions of Wisconsin. For three days, August 14-16, on the shores of Lake Ripley in southern Wisconsin these organization leaders considered the needs of rural young people and what their groups might do to meet at least some of them.

A number of young folks themselves were in attendance and presented their needs as they saw them.

Between discussion periods, the campers learned a number of new recreational activities to take back to their local groups. The program and plans for the camp were drawn up by a committee consisting of representatives of the various organizations interested, and the extension sociologists of the Department.

Interstate Vacation Conference. Rural Sociologists and their families from three states responded to a call from D.E.Lindstrom and A.F.Wileden for an informal get together at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, September 5 - 8. Those in attendance were the Lindstroms, University of Illinois; the Stacys and George Strayer, Iowa State College; Amy Gessner, the Wiledens, and Kirkpatrick, University of Wisconsin. Other visitors for a part of the sessions were the Ormonds, W. Carter, Ed Brophy, Agnes Boynton, Marguerite Groh, and Olive Palm from the State and Walworth County Resettlement and Emergency Relief Administrations. The more formal part of the meeting included discussion sessions on "the effect of rural rehabilitation on the farmer's standard of living" and "interests and activities of rural young people," as well as a tour through Yerkes Observatory. Tentative plans were laid for a similar gathering in 1936, and invitations will be extended again, as this year, to Rural Sociologists in other nearby states.

E. L. KIRKPATRICK.

STUDENT SECTION, AMERICAN COUNTRY LIFE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
AT UNIVERSITY OF OHIO, COLUMBUS, SEPTEMBER 19 - 22, 1935.

One hundred and seventy-five delegates from thirty-five collegiate and twenty non-collegiate rural life clubs in twenty-one states attended the annual conference of the Student Section of the American Country Life Association at Ohio State University, Columbus, September 19 - 22. The collegiate clubs represented twenty-eight colleges and universities, and the non-collegiate represented the states of Louisiana, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland.

Discussion sessions directed by student leaders made up the major part of the programs. Each session was opened with a ten-minute statement based on fact and experience. Most of the statements embodied the results of discussions held previously in the local clubs. Topics of the small group sessions included vocations and employment, spare-time activities, out-of-school education, community organization, standards of living, and the real values in country life. All of these were considered in their relation to "the kind of rural life young people want."

Findings from the small group sessions were coordinated into a larger group summary under the direction of Robert Clark of the Collegiate 4-H Club, Ohio State University.

Special features of the Conference included a picnic, an evening's recreation suited for rural groups, under the direction of the Ohio State University 4-H Club, a play by the Montgomery County, Ohio Senior 4-H Council, and an address on the "Progress of the National Youth Administration," by John J. Corson, Assistant Administrator. E.L.Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the Student Advisory Committee, gave the results of a limited canvass among leaders interested in youth, and Dean H. W. Nisonger gave an interpretation of the Conference.

At the business session the Student Section elected the following officers for the year 1935 and 1936.

President	-	Charles Staub, Eastern Panhandle, Older Boys and Girls Group, Inwood, West Va.
Vice Presidents	-	Woodrow Odom, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.
		Virginia Hurst, Univ. of Kansas 4-H Club, Manhattan.
		Dorothy Hartman, Univ. of Ohio 4-H Club, Columbus.
Secretary	-	Mary Rodney, Rural Club of the State Teachers College, West Chester, Pa.
Editor	-	Frank Myers, Central State Teachers College, Mt. Pleasant.

